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## TIMOTHY ROGERS.

Timothy Rogers, a descendant of John Rogers, who was born in Watertown, Mass., September 11, 1641, and served in the Narragansett war of 1675, for which he received for his services from the Massachusetts Colonial Court a land grant lying west of Pennichuck pond in West Dunstable, N. H.

Mr. Rogers was killed by the Indians, August 5, 1695, and subsequently his land grant was transmitted to his grandson, Timothy, who was born November 30, 1717.

He was a trapper and fur-trader with the Indians. To comply with Colonial law whoever held this land title came here prior to 1729. He built, or caused to be built, a turning mill within the land grant. This mill was situated on a little brook about one mile west of South Merrimack, which flowed into Witch brook, the location being about half a mile north of the present school house in District Number 8 at North Hollis, now situated in the extreme south part of Amherst, N. H.

The place where this mill was situated is known to this day as "Rogers pond."

## CALVIN FRY.

Calvin Fry, a descendant of John Fry, an early settler of Andover, Mass. Presumably for services rendered the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, he received a land grant from the Colonial Court, lying west of the Timothy Rogers' grant, being and including nearly all the west part of District Number 8 at North Hollis.

Mr. Fry, probably a contemporary of Mr. Rogers, was also a trapper and fur-trader with the Indians, both being here only temporarily. Mr. Fry came here as early as 1729, built a turning mill and engaged in the manufacture of wooden ware, carrying some specimens to the authorities at Boston as proof of complying with the law by which he held his land grant.

This mill was situated near the old Spalding place at North Hollis. The writer has whiled away many an hour in his boyhood days playing with his water wheel at this old Fry mill site.

Mr. Fry erected a log hut a few rods east from his mill, where he resided transiently. Later, a portion of his property passed into the hands of James Woodward of Reading, Mass. It being situated on Witch brook, a mill privilege was sold to Jonathans Danforth & Lund in 1766, who erected and operated a sawmill here until about 1775, when this property was sold to Jonathan Spalding.

Mr. Fry's ancestors owned and operated the saw, fulling and grist mills in Andover Village, Mass., many years.

## WILLIAM ARBUCKLE.

William Arbuckle, born at Bush Mills in the north of Ireland in 1700, of Scotch-Irish descent, whose ancestors fought at the siege of Londonderry. He married Elizabeth ——— in 1720, and immediately migrated to this country and settled in Londonderry, but shortly removed to the Souhegan valley in West Dunstable and subsequently coming within the chartered limits of Merrimac, where he resided the remainder of his life.

Mr. Arbuckle was one of those pioneer settlers whose first employment was trapping and fur-trading with the Indians. No place in New England offered better facilities for trapping than did this section of old Dunstable. His children as found recorded were: Elizabeth, born on the Atlantic ocean in 1720, married Alexander Patterson; William, Jr., born in 1724, married Mary ———, 1750, resided in Merrimac; Abigail, born in 1726, married William McClure, resided in Merrimac; Sarah, born July 20, 1728, married Hugh Gillis, died in Merrimac, February 20, 1829.

When Sarah Arbuckle was about 18 years old a wounded Indian came to her door one morning whom she took in and nursed. He remained until he was able to go to Canada. Some months after this, a party of St. Francis Indians rushed into her cabin, the foremost one with tomahawk raised intending to dispatch her, when one of the number jumped before him with raised arms, saying: "You no kill her, you kill me." He saved her life. This Indian proved to be the one she had befriended.

## CAPT. PETER POWERS.

Capt. Peter Powers, a descendant of a long line of noble ancestry, was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Whitcomb Powers, born in Littleton, Mass., in 1707; married Anna Keyes early in the year of 1728, and immediately moved to Dunstable, N. H. In September, 1730, he started for the Nissitisset wilderness (now Hollis) with axe and gun in hand, and a pack on his back, to fix his future residence in the then dense and unbroken forests, having previously purchased about thirty-seven acres of land; commenced clearing a portion of this land and erecting his log hut, and in January, 1731, removed his family here, thus becoming the first permanent settler of Hollis.

Mr. Powers became a noted backwoodsman and colonial land surveyor. He was employed much of the time in laying out farms and townships, receiving his pay mostly in land. At one time he owned fifteen (1500) hundred acres, lying south of the Rogers and Fry grants, at the north part of Hollis. Mr. Powers was also distinguished as a militia officer in the old French war, having by his personal efforts raised a company in Dunstable and vicinity. He was commissioned captain of this company by Governor Wentworth.

In 1754 he was sent to Coos meadows, so-called, to demolish a fort which, it was rumored, the French were building, but he encountered no opposition.

Mr. Powers' children, as found recorded, were: Rev. Peter, Jr., born in Dunstable, November 29, 1728, died in Maine, May 13, 1800, residence, Haverhill, N. H.; Stephen, born October 28, 1729, married Lucy Cummings of Dunstable, January 5, 1757; Anna, born in West Dunstable, March 9, 1732, married Benjamin Hopkins in 1753, died April 9, 1812; Whitcomb, born October 10, 1733, married Mary Dolliver, May 20, 1755, second marriage, Elizabeth Lawrence, October 18, 1759; Phebe, born February 5, 1735, married Joseph Bates, April 8, 1756, residence New Ipswich; Alice, born, December 30, 1736, died unmarried February 13, 1825, aged 88; Levi,

born June 3, 1739; Nahum, born April 11, 1741, married Mary Wheat, February 7, 1769, residence Plymouth, N. H.; Francis, born July 15, 1742, married Elizabeth Cummings, residence Hollis, had twelve children, killed by lightning July, 1796; Fanna, born April 19, 1744, died young; Philip, born May 20, 1746; Samson, born March 12, 1748, married Elizabeth Abbott, residence Temple, January 9, 1822; Fanna, born March 22, 1750.

Mr. Powers was a prominent citizen in the new settlement; held many offices of trust with no other reward than to feel that he had done his duty. He died August 27, 1757, of fever, age 50 years; buried in church yard at Hollis. His wife, Anna, died September 21, 1798, age 90, buried in church yard at Hollis.

Mr. Powers served in the French war as captain of a company raised for the Crown Point expedition of 1755, from April 24 to November 31.

## THOMAS POWERS.

Thomas Powers of Westford, who married Hephzibah ——— about 1740, settled in West Dunstable very early in its history, locating about half a mile east of Patch Corner on the place since known as the Wincol Wright or Minot Wheeler place.

Mr. Powers built and put in operation a grist mill which was supposed to be the first one in this section. This mill was located on the brook running from Long to Pennychuck ponds. At that time and for a hundred years after, the farmers raised all the grain they used, and the grist mills in those days were well patronized institutions.

There is in the Monson record an account of the birth of one daughter, Hannah, born February 25, 1752, and a daughter Hephzibah, married Capt. Wm. Brooks, September 20, 1787.

Mrs. Hephzibah, wife of Thomas Powers, died March 15, 1789. Mr. Thomas Powers died between 1788 and 1794.

## THOMAS DINSMORE.

Thomas Dinsmore, probably a native of Billerica, Mass., born in 1704, possessed with more than an ordinary business capacity. He was engaged in land speculation to a considerable extent. He married Hannah ——— in 1724, and settled in Bedford, Mass., where all his children were born, as follows:

Hannah, born December, 22, 1725, married William Searles, August 6, 1747, residence Hollis and Temple, N. H.; Sussannah, born July 8, 1727, married Capt. Ebenezer Melvin in 1747, residence Monson; Abraham, born February 22, 1730, married Lydia ——— in 1752; residence Temple, N. H.; Thomas, Jr., born, March 5, 1731, residence in Temple; John, born January 24, 1733; Eliphalet, born December 23, 1734, married Hannah Treadwell, October 5, 1757, residence Washington, N. H.; Abel, born December 27, 1736.

Mr. Dinsmore purchased land in West Dunstable, made a clearing, erected his log hut, etc., as early as 1733. He was said to be the third settler in West Dunstable. This place was situated in the south part of the town of Hollis, known as the Eastman place. Mr. Dinsmore was quite prominent in Parish affairs. It was through his influence that the Parish voted to put the first meeting house on his land; this vote was reconsidered through the influence of those living in the northern part of the Precinct. In consequence of this and other matters, Mr. Dinsmore removed back to Bedford in September 1741 and remained until September 1745. He was influential in getting Patch Corner people set off to Monson on chartering of Hollis. Mr. Dinsmore died December 10, 1748, and is buried in the old yard, Hollis. Mrs. Dinsmore died July 23, 1767, and is buried in the old yard, Hollis. This family all removed to Temple, N. H., before 1770.

## HENRY BARTON.

Henry Barton, born in Littleton, Mass., in 1706, a descendant of those Bartons who settled in Massachusetts prior to 1700; married Sarah Bell of Westford, Mass., October 31, 1731, settled in West Dunstable in the spring of 1734 at a place called "Love Lane," situated southwest of Hollis village.

He was elected Parish assessor in and for the year of 1741 and appointed Parish collector for the year 1743. His children as found recorded were:

Sarah, born October 3, 1734, married John Campbell, April 24, 1760, residence Townsend; Mary, born January 6, 1736, married Johathan Wallace, October 7, 1755, residence Townsend, Mass.

Mr. Barton continued to reside at Love Lane until his death, which occurred April 20, 1760. Later Mrs. Barton sold the property to Capt. Reuben Dow, and went to Townsend, Mass., to reside with her daughter, and died there. Mrs. Barton, together with her two daughters, deeded the farm, containing all the real estate owned by them, to Captain Dow, under date of April 17, 1761, at which time it is supposed Mrs. Barton went to Townsend.



## LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN FARLEY.

Lieutenant Benjamin Farley, son of Benjamin and Annie Dustin Farley, born in Billerica, Mass., August 28, 1708; married Joanna Page in 1732, settled in West Dunstable in 1735 at a point south of Hollis village known as the Worcester place, where he opened a hotel, the first public house in West Dunstable. The parish meetings were held here prior to building the meeting house. In 1750 he sold to Rev. Francis Worcester and removed to the Captain Parker place in Monson. On account of malaria caused by draining Witch brook he sold out here and moved to the Joseph Patch place in Hollis in the spring of 1755.

Mr. Farley was prominent in Parish affairs, having served as one of the selectmen in 1740 and 1741, and the town of Hollis for 1746, '47 and '48, and the town of Monson for 1753. His children were as follows: Joanna, born April 21, 1733, married Samuel Burge, June 2, 1754; Rebecca, born April 29, 1735; Benjamin, Jr., born June 30, 1737, served in the war of the Revolution; Molly, born November 25, 1739, married John Shattuck, December 9, 1779; Betty, born June 23, 1742, married Benjamin Austin, November 24, 1768, residence Hollis; Lucy, born February 13, 1744, married Abel Shipley, November 24, 1768; Ebenezer, born September 19, 1747, married Betty Wheeler, November 6, 1766; Hannah, born February 28, 1750, died in 1754; Christopher, born April 1, 1751, married Ruth Jewett, December 10, 1773; Stephen, born January 28, 1754, married Mary Shattuck, January 28, 1779, died January 13, 1837; Hannah, born January 31, 1757, married John Ball of Temple, December 4, 1777; Sarah, born September 28, 1761, married William W. Poole, October 17, 1780.

Mr. Farley died December 23, 1787, aged 79 years. Mrs. Farley died May 20, 1797, aged 80 years. Mr. Farley was commissioned lieutenant in the Colonial Militia.

## STEPHEN HARRIS.

Stephen Harris, son of Deacon Timothy Harris, born in Rowley, Mass., June 10, 1700; removed to Littleton in 1724 and occupied land left him by his father. He married Mary ——— June 2, 1728, resided in Littleton until 1735 when he settled in West Dunstable at a point on the side hill, south of Patch corner.

His children as found recorded were as follows: Sarah, born in Littleton, January 22, 1730, married Benjamin Hendrick, March 1, 1750; Hannah, born April 29, 1732, married Daniel Hendrick, June 29, 1759, killed by her son; Phebe, born February 16, 1735, married Aaron Colburn, November 6, 1755, residence Dracut; Eleanor, born in West Dunstable in 1737, married Job Harris, February 14, 1764, residence Athol; Elizabeth, born in 1739, died in June 1753; Joseph, born in 1741, died in June 1753; Susanna, born in 1743, died in June, 1753; Stephen, Jr., born in 1746, died in June, 1753.

Mr. Harris was a man of some influence in the new settlement. His house stood in Hollis, just south of the Monson line. He built a substantial frame house that after his death was moved down to the Thomas Patch place. Mr. Harris had much to do about taking the meeting house lot from the Dinsmore place and locating it where it now stands.

Mr. Harris died September 20, 1775, buried in church yard. Mrs. Mary Harris died June 2, 1786, aged 81 years. They were the great grandparents of President Franklin Pierce.

## SAMUEL LEEMAN, SENIOR.

The name of Leeman appears to have originated near the borders of a lake by that name in Switzerland, forming the boundary between Switzerland and France. The family name came early into English history. They were characterized as an honest yeomanry residing at Beadle, England, from which place Mr. Leeman migrated in 1633 and settled in Charlestown, Mass., at the age of twelve years. He was admitted as a freeman December 22, 1642; died in 1673.

His widow married Philip Cromwell, a relative of Oliver, November 19, 1674. Mr. Leeman's son, Samuel, born in 1643, married Mary Langley in 1665 and settled in Groton, Mass. He served in the Narragansett war and returned to Charlestown, and died there, leaving a son, Samuel, born in Groton, April 29, 1667, who married Margaret ——— and settled in Reading, Mass., in 1687. His wife died previous to 1715, as on September 3, 1715, he married Hannah Damon, and died in 1724, leaving a son, Samuel, Jr., born in 1692, who was one of the pioneer settlers of West Dunstable.

## SAMUEL LEEMAN, SENIOR.

Samuel Leeman, Sr., son of Samuel and Margaret Leeman, born in Reading, Mass., in 1692, married Mary Bryant, a daughter of Abraham Bryant, the village blacksmith at Reading, in September, 1716. He resided in Reading until 1720, when he removed to Lynnfield for a short time, then returned to Reading again, residing here until the fall of 1735, when he settled in Souhegan West near the stone bridge, now Amherst, N. H. He helped to erect the first meeting house in Amherst. On account of some Parish difficulty he removed to West Dunstable in the spring of 1737 and settled at a point north of Monson village place, now west of the Wallingford place in the southeast part of Milford, and became one of the first permanent settlers of northern West Dunstable. His name appears on a petition of the inhabitants of Monson to the General Court of New Hampshire of May 1747, asking for a scout or guard of fifteen men to protect them against Indian invasion.

He served the town of Monson as one of their selectmen for 1748 and 1749. In 1749 he moved to near Patch corner, Hollis. His children were:

Margaret, born in Reading, October 12, 1717; Mary, born September 5, 1719, married Jonathan Pool in 1741; Samuel, Jr., born September 9, 1721, married Love Wheeler, November 25, 1746. She died August 15, 1775. He then married for his second wife, a widow, Amy Morse Wheeler, April 7, 1779. Abraham, born August 15, 1723, married Elizabeth Hastings, January 30, 1745. She died January 26, 1792. He married for his second wife Olive Jaquith, July 12, 1792. Elizabeth, born in 1725, married Lieut. Robert Colburn, March 2, 1745, died in 1746; Nathaniel, born in 1727, supposed to have died young, no record; Sarah, born in West Dunstable, December 5, 1737, married James Fisk, January 22, 1771, who died in service May 29, 1775 at Cambridge. She married for a second husband David Truell of Amherst, April 1780.

Mr. Leeman died January 27, 1756, aged 64 years. Mrs. Leeman died March 15, 1760, aged 64 years. This family resided south of Patch corner, where Fred B. Wheeler now lives (1913).

## SAMUEL LEEMAN, JUNIOR.

Samuel Leeman, Junior, son of Samuel Leeman, Senior, and Mary Bryant Leeman, born in Lynnfield, Mass., September 9, 1721, married Love Wheeler, daughter of Peter Wheeler, November 25, 1746. Engaged in clearing the forest and farming in Monson, Lyndeboro and elsewhere, where he resided. Removed with his father to Patch corner, Hollis, in 1749, where he remained until after the death of his father and mother. In 1761, or 1762, he settled at North Hollis on Witch brook, at the Spalding place and was the first permanent settler here. He purchased the east half of the old Spalding place under the date of November, 1768. He built the house in the old orchard, removed to near the John Sheed place in April, 1775.

His wife, Love Wheeler, died August 15, 1775. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Amy Morse Wheeler, widow of Daniel Wheeler, and went to reside with her at Patch corner.

Mr. Leeman was always in limited circumstances. Work and he had a falling out several years before he died. His children were: Mehitabel, born in Monson, September 26, 1747, married Joshua Stiles, October 7, 1773, residence Lyndeborough; Samuel, 3rd, born in Hollis, August 7, 1749, killed at battle of Saratoga, October 10, 1777; Hannah, born in Hollis, October 15, 1751, died December 28, 1751; Love, born November 1, 1752, married Abraham Dinsmore, Jr., November 26, 1776, residence Temple; Mary, born November 9, 1754, married Zachariah Emery, June 25, 1778, residence Mason, N. H.; Hannah, born July 2, 1757, married Joshua Stiles, ——— residence Lyndeborough; Nathaniel, born August 6, 1759, married Peggy ——— 1781, residence Lyndeborough and Hollis; Lydia, born in Monson, December 9, 1761, married Stephen Lowell, Jr., December 12, 1782, residence Dunstable; Sarah, born at Spalding place August 31, 1764, no record; Abraham, born in Spalding place, May 13, 1769, died young.

Mr. Leeman died at Patch corner in 1789. Mrs. Amy, his wife, went to Concord, N. H., to reside with her son. She died November 30, 1821. Mr. Leeman was a great storyteller.

## ABRAHAM LEEMAN.

Abraham Leeman, son of Samuel and Mary Bryant Leeman, born in Reading, Mass., August 15, 1723, came to Souhegan West with his father in fall of 1735 and to West Dunstable in the spring of 1737. He married Elizabeth Hastings, January 30, 1745, and settled at what is known as the William Kittredge place on Witch brook at North Hollis, and engaged in farming. He became a noted bear hunter. He was a very eccentric man. At times he would leave the field where he was at work and run to the house for fear that he wouldn't live to get there. Then again he would get up in the night time and fry salt pork for fear he wouldn't live to eat it up. The spring of 1794 was a very early one. At the 19th of May there came a great frost, taking everything level with the ground. Corn was four inches, apples were as large as walnuts. This discouraged Mr. Leeman and he was induced to exchange real and personal estate with William Kittredge of Goffstown in the fall of 1794, residing here until in old age, when he lived with relatives in Mont Vernon. His children were:

Elizabeth, born in Monson, February 24, 1747, married David Wallingsford, March 6, 1767. He died March 12, 1791. She married for her second husband, Nehemiah Barker, March 17, 1799, died August 4, 1822. Mary, born June 3, 1748; Abraham, born August 29, 1749, died same day; Hannah, born July 26, 1750, died December 24, 1750; Hannah, born October 1, 1751, married Jonathan Danforth in 1769, residence at Kendall Mills; Submit, born June 4, 1753, no record; Abraham, born September 8, 1754, died November 29, 1759; Esther, born August 8, 1756, married Zebulon Cram, December 30, 1783, residence Wilton, and Andover, Vt.; Abigail, born May 8, 1758, married Joseph Frost, July 28, 1785, residence Tewksbury; died July 21, 1786; Dorcas, born July 13, 1760, drowned in Witch brook at Kendall mills, May 26, 1778.

Mrs. Leeman died January 26, 1792. Mr. Leeman married for his second wife, Olive Davis Jaquith, July 12, 1792, wife of Adford Jaquith of Dunstable, whom she married November 14, 1776. He died in Mont Vernon.



## ENSIGN SAMUEL LEEMAN, 3RD.

Samuel Leeman, 3rd, son of Samuel and Love Wheeler Leeman, born in Hollis, August 7, 1749. He purchased part of the Spalding place in North Hollis under date of November 18, 1773, intending to marry and settle here. But before he was to marry, his intended died suddenly. He then sold the place to Jonathan Spalding, January 5, 1775. He joined the Hollis minutemen, repaired to Hollis common at the alarm of April 19, 1775. He was in Captain Dow's company for Concord and Lexington; was at the Battle of Bunker Hill in the company of Capt. Levi Spalding, regiment of Col. James Reid.

At the re-organization of the militia April 7, 1777, he enlisted in Capt. Isaac Fry's company, regiment of Col. Alexander Scammel as ensign and participated in all those battles against Gen. John Burgoyne, known as the northern campaign. He was killed at the battle of Saratoga in October, 1777. He was 28 years old and unmarried, the last of the Samuel Leemans and was said to be the tenth in descent wherein the eldest son was named Samuel.

Mr. Leeman purchased the Spalding place of his father. The writer of this has in his possession the old deed which Mr. Leeman gave to Jonathan Spalding, dated January 25, 1775.

## NATHANIEL LEEMAN.

Nathaniel Leeman, son of Samuel, Junior, and Love Wheeler Leeman, born in Hollis, August 6, 1759. In his youth, residing with his father, he worked at farming, etc. He served in the war of the Revolution. In the Ticonderoga alarm, he was at the battle of White Plains, belonging to the Hollis minute men. Mr. Leeman married Peggy ——— in 1781, settled in Lyndeborough, N. H., until the spring of 1786. He then returned to Hollis. He, with his wife and family, were warned out of town by the selectmen in the fall of 1786, as coming last from Lyndeborough.

Mr. Leeman is recorded in the town records as retracting a slander on Benjamin Cummings, Jr., dated February 1, 1788. He again removed to Lyndeborough in 1799. He resided, while living in Hollis, on the old road leading from Hollis village to Patch corner, at a point east from Long pond, and south of the Esquire Wright place.

Tradition says that he had children as follows: Peggy, born in Lyndeborough in 1781; Fanny, born in Lyndeborough in 1783; Nathaniel, born ——— in 1785. Mr. Leeman must have been broken up as he returned to Hollis prior to 1818, always in limited circumstances. He remained a town charge for several years, previous to his death, which occurred at the town farm in June, 1838, age 79. Supposed to be buried in East yard. He was the last of the Leemans to reside in Hollis.

## THOMAS NEVINS, SENIOR.

Thomas Nevins, of Scotch-Irish descent, whose ancestors fought at the siege of Londonderry, married Margaret ——— about 1710. They migrated from the North of Ireland in 1711, and settled in Nova Scotia. Some time between the years of 1718 and 1735, Mr. Nevins had occasion to return to Ireland on business. The ship on which he sailed was lost at sea and all on board perished.

The widow, Margaret Nevins, with her three sons, removed to Newton, Mass., prior to 1735, as on July 27, 1735, they purchased land in West Dunstable of Joseph Blanchard, situated in what was afterwards Monson village, and removed here some time between 1735 and the spring of 1738.

All that is known of Mr. Nevins' family is as follows: Thomas, Jr., born on the Atlantic Ocean, March, 1711; married Bridget Snow, January 1, 1745; died at Hanover, N. Y., in March, 1804, age 93. David, born at Nova Scotia, about 1814, married Lois Patch, March 3, 1746; died in Plymouth, N. H., in 1779. William, born in Nova Scotia, in 1718, married Mary Hastings, November 8, 1746. The widow, Margaret Nevins, with her three sons, engaged in clearing off the forests, building log huts, making paths, etc. She is taxed regularly until 1743, at which time her name disappears from the records, and we have no further knowledge of her.

## DEACON THOMAS NEVINS, JUNIOR.

Thomas Nevins, Jr., son of Thomas and Margaret Nevins, born on the Atlantic Ocean, March, 1711. Mr. Nevins came to Nova Scotia with his parents, and subsequently to Newton with his mother, and removed to West Dunstable, at Monson village, prior to 1738. He married Bridget Snow of Nottingham West, January 1, 1745.

Mr. Nevins served in the old French war as a sergeant in Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell's company, Colonel Hart's regiment 1758, and a selectman of Monson in 1759. He removed to the east part of Monson prior to 1758; came within the limits of Hollis in 1770; removed to Hebron in 1772; served as jurymen at the County Court held in Amherst in January, 1772. His name is attached to a remonstrance against a petition to annex the Easterly side of Cockermouth to Plymouth. Late in life, he removed to Hanover, N. H., or near there, where he resided the remainder of his days. His children as found recorded were: Bridget, born in Monson, December 21, 1746; married John Jaquith, May 30, 1770; residence, Groton, N. H. Thomas, 3rd, born in Monson, May 25, 1748; married Rebecca Willoughby in 1770; residence, Hanover, N. Y. Henry, born in Monson in 1750, died same year. Lucy, born in Monson in 1752; married Jeremiah Blodgett, April 15, 1774; residence Plymouth, N. H., died July 1, 1804. Thomasin, born in Monson in 1754; married John Calf, November 13, 1776; residence Plymouth. She married for second husband, Sylvester Woodworth; died in 1829. Hannah, born in Monson, 1756; married Henry Phelps, ———; residence Groton, N. H.; died in 1806. Sarah, born in Monson, February 15, 1759; married Nathaniel Ball in 1774; residence Hebron; died August 8, 1843. Fanny, born in Monson in 1761; married Simeon Bridgeman; residence Dorchester, Mass.

Mr. Nevins resided at the Leonard Farley place from 1758 to 1772. He died in Hanover, N. Y., March, 1804, age 93.

## DAVID NEVINS.

David Nevins, son of Thomas and Margaret Nevins, was born in Nova Scotia in 1714. He went with his mother to Newton, Mass., and later came to West Dunstable with the other members of the family. He learned the carpenter's trade, and helped to build the two first meeting houses in West Dunstable. He married Lois Patch, daughter of Isaac Patch, of Groton, Mass., March 3, 1746, and settled in Hollis on the old path east of Long Pond, where he resided until 1764, when he removed to the west part of Plymouth, N. H.

Mr. Nevins served in the war of the revolution from Plymouth, in the company of Capt. Edward Everett, Colonel Bedel's regiment, in 1776. He enlisted into the Continental service, March 21, 1777, and was reported dead the next year; this was a mistake. His children, as follows, were all born in Hollis: John, born October 12, 1748; died August 25, 1752. Lois, born October 20, 1749; died September 5, 1752. Margaret, born February 3, 1752; married Samuel Phelps, June 6, 1781; residence Hebron. Lois, born September 16, 1753; married Joseph Ryan, April 8, 1798; residence Hebron. John, born April 18, 1755; married Hepsibah Hobart, October 31, 1782; residence, Danville, Vt. David, born July 7, 1758; served in the Revolution; died unmarried in 1783. Mr. Nevins died in Plymouth in February, 1778. His wife died in Plymouth in 1782.

## WILLIAM NEVINS, SENIOR.

William Nevins, Sr., son of Thomas and Margaret Nevins, born in Nova Scotia in 1718. He came to Newton, and later to West Dunstable with his mother. He was engaged in subduing the forests, making paths, fighting wild men and wild beasts. There is a well authenticated tradition that he married Mary Woolerich, daughter of Phillip Woolerich, prior to 1745; that she died in the summer of 1746; and he married Mary Hastings, November 8, 1746, for his second wife. He settled first at Monson center, but removed to the Major James Wheeler place, near Pennichuck pond, in the east part of Monson, but coming into Hollis on the division of Monson. He was a man of considerable influence in town affairs, having served the town twenty-seven times as moderator, and having been one of the selectmen for sixteen years.

His children were: William, Jr., born in Monson, July 26, 1746; married Rebecca Chamberlain, March 24, 1768; residence Plymouth. Joseph, born in Monson, July 20, 1748; married first, Sarah Powers, February 20, 1772; married for second wife, Lucy Sawtell, in 1783. Benjamin, born in Monson, August 15, 1750; married Annis Mooar, February 9, 1775; he went to Maine. Mary, born August 2, 1752; married Timothy Wheeler, September 8, 1773; residence Amherst. John, born February 26, 1755; married Mary Hazeltine, April 17, 1782; residence Groton, N. H. Phineas, born February 26, 1758. He was killed at the Battle of "Bunker Hill," June 17, 1775. Lydia, born July 16, 1760; married Daniel Mooar, Jr., in 1780; residence in Hollis. Elizabeth, born October 17, 1762; married William Brown in 1789; residence in Hollis. Rebecca, born July 1, 1765; married Joseph Lakeman, December 24, 1788; residence Amherst; died July 9, 1844. Nathan, born February 28, 1770; married Mary ———, June 1791; residence Groton; died in 1798.

Mr. Nevins died February 15, 1785, age 67. Mrs. Nevins died in the fall of 1792; no grave stone. Five of Mr. Nevins' sons served in the war of the Revolution.

## LIEUTENANT WILLIAM NEVINS, JUNIOR.

Lieutenant William Nevins, Jr., son of William and Mary Nevins, was born in Monson, July 26, 1746. He resided with his father, helping him on the farm as was the custom. He married Rebecca Chamberlain, March 24, 1768, and shortly afterward settled in Plymouth, N. H., where his children were born, as follows: Rebecca, born December, 1768; married first, Gilson, and second, Leonard Whiting, March 13, 1800; died January 9, 1857. Hannah, born in 1770; married Joshua Thornton, November 24, 1790; residence Plymouth; died October 2, 1828. William, born in 1773; was a school teacher; he died unmarried, December 29, 1810. Susannah, born December 2, 1776; married Moses George, March 25, 1800; residence Plymouth. He died March 9, 1841. Mr. Nevins joined the Hollis minute men in 1775. He was at work prying stone on his father's farm on the afternoon of April 19, 1775. On receiving word that the British were marching to Concord and Lexington, he immediately joined his comrades on Hollis Common, helped to choose Reuben Dow captain, and proceeded to Cambridge. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and remained in the army eight months. Enlisted into the Continental army, April, 1776, for one year as second lieutenant in Capt. John House's company 6th of the First N. H. Regiment, under command of Col. Joseph Cilley, and while on duty at the battle of White Plains, was taken prisoner, and put in a British prison ship, where he died in October, 1776.

His widow continued her residence at Plymouth. Mr. Nevins was one of the selectmen of Plymouth for the years 1770 and 1771.



## JOSEPH NEVINS.

Joseph Nevins, son of William and Mary Hastings Nevins, was born in Monson, July 20, 1748; married first, Sarah Powers, February 20, 1772. She died June 27, 1781. He married for second wife, Lucy Sawtelle, January, 1783. He succeeded to the homestead in Hollis. His children were: Sarah, born December 3, 1772; died young. Joseph, born June 20, died young. Phineas, born May 5, 1776; residence Bedford; died March, 1851. Sarah, born December 17, 1777; married Israel Thomas, September 13, 1814; residence Amherst. Hannah, born June 13, 1779; married Josiah Kidder, December 19, 1809; residence Amherst. Hepzibah, born June 6, 1781. Lucy, born December 30, 1783. Mary, born July 4, 1786; married Daniel Mooar, March 16, 1808. Anna, born March 23, 1789; married John French, March 14, 1810; residence Bedford. Gardner, born February 18, 1792; died young. Pamela, born March 16, 1794. Gardner, born February 6, 1797; married Esther R. Barnes, January 25, 1825; residence Bedford; died October 16, 1876. Susan, born April 12, 1799; married Otis Sheppard, March 12, 1818; residence Bedford. Joseph, born April 8, 1801; died unmarried in Bedford, N. H., December 2, 1830.

Joseph Nevins served in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Nevins' political views were extremely radical and Federal, and was very bitter against Jefferson, and said if he was elected President, the Bibles would all be destroyed, and the churches would all be burned; and he said that Jefferson was an infidel, etc. Mr. Nevins died of sun stroke in Capt. Isaac Parker's meadow, August 11, 1813. This family of Nevins was the last of Nevins to leave town, about 1825. Most of them went to Bedford, N. H.

## BENJAMIN NEVINS.

Benjamin Nevins, son of William and Mary Hastings Nevins, was born in Monson, August 15, 1750. He married Annis Mooar, February 9, 1775. He resided in several places in Hollis and Milford, namely southeast of the "Taylor Duncklee Mill place," on Mooar's hill," and at Monson village place.

Mr. Nevins served in the war of the Revolution; was at Lexington and battle of Bennington. In all he was out about six months. Mr. Nevins worked some at the butchering business. He used to go amongst the farmers killing hogs. He was somewhat addicted to drink; it was said that he could drink more cider than any man living. The following story is told of him, that while he was returning from Amherst, where he had bought a jug each of molasses and rum, and according to the custom of those days, he carried his purchases in a bag thrown across the horse in front of the saddle, on crossing a brook, the horse lowered his head to drink, and quickly the rum and molasses were dashed upon the rocks. The stream has been called Taddy Brook from that day to this.

His children were: Betty, born December 7, 1775. Benjamin, Jr., born October 5, 1777; married ———. Lydia, born April 7, 1780. Sarah, born May 25, 1782; married Thomas W. Stearns, September 6, 1814. William, born March 5, 1786. This family removed to Maine about 1820.

## MOSES SAUNDERS.

Moses Saunders, a connection of Elijah Saunders, the beggar. A native of Marlborough, Mass., where he came from in the spring of 1738, and settled in West Dunstable at the Bailey place; commenced a clearing, built his log hut, erected a saw mill soon after, which was the first saw mill built in West Dunstable. It was said that the lumber for the first meeting house was sawed at Mr. Saunders' mill. At the time of the Indian war in 1747, Mr. Saunders thought he saw Indians lurking about his mill. As Dr. Belknap said, "they wished to destroy every mill and its owner," whom they charged with destroying their hunting grounds, Mr. Saunders became alarmed for his personal safety and removed to Westboro, Mass., where he bought a large farm, and resided there the remainder of his days. His West Dunstable estate, after a few years, passed into the hands of Daniel Bailey.

His children, as found recorded in the Monson records, were as follows: All born in West Dunstable. Abigail, born May 7, 1741. Sarah, born September 7, 1742. Moses, born April 22, 1744. Stephen, born January 16, 1746.

## ELIAS SMITH.

Elias Smith, son of Deacon Francis and Ruth Maverick Smith, was born in South Reading, Mass., in 1698. He married Elizabeth Emerson, sister of the Rev. Daniel Emerson, pastor of the first church in West Dunstable, December 31, 1724, residing in Reading, and Salisbury, Mass., until about 1744, when he removed to West Dunstable, and probably was the first settler at the Price place, situated on the street west of the meeting house.

He became the village blacksmith, as tradition says he had a blacksmith shop here. He was a large land holder, owning several hundred acres in the west part of Hollis, of which a large portion was transmitted to his daughter Elizabeth, who married Lieut. Robert Colburn. Mr. Smith was chosen treasurer of the church in 1745; appointed Pound Keeper in 1746, and Constable in 1747; elected one of the selectmen in 1748. He served in the old French war as sergeant in Col. Joseph Blanchard's regiment, Co. 9, Capt. Nathaniel Folsom commanding, in the Crown Point expedition of 1755. His children, so far as found available, were: Elizabeth, born in Reading in 1725; married Robert Colburn, March 21, 1747. Mary, born in Reading in 1737; died August 22, 1761, age 24 years. Anna, born in Reading in 1740; died August 20, 1761, age 21 years.

Mr. Elias Smith died August 29 1761, in the 64th year of his age. Mrs. Elizabeth, his wife, died March 23, 1775, in the 76th year of her age. Moses Smith, son of Elias Smith, was born in 1730; married Mary Boynton, January 29, 1756; resided in Hollis; died August 25, 1761, age 31, leaving a son, Moses, born in 1761, who was dissipated.

## ABRAHAM DINSMORE, SR.

Abraham Dinsmore, Sr., son of Thomas and Hannah Dinsmore, was born in Bedford, Mass., February 22, 1730. He came to West Dunstable with his father, helped to subdue the forests, and worked on the farm. He married Lydia ——— in 1752, and settled at the homestead until about 1765, when he removed to Temple, N. H., and settled on one of those mountain farms.

Mr. Dinsmore served in the war of the Revolution, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill in Capt. Ezra Townes' company, Col. James Reed's regiment, together with eighteen other Temple soldiers, including Wilder Kidder, the famous fifer. His children as found recorded were: Abraham, Jr., born in Hollis, January 17, 1753; married Love Leeman, November 26, 1776. Zebadiah, born in Hollis, January 17, 1755; married Elizabeth Todd, March 13, 1777; residence Temple. Lydia, born in Hollis, January 24, 1757. Hannah, born in Hollis, March 2, 1759. Phebe, born in Hollis, May 17, 1761. Thomas, born in Hollis, August 14, 1763. John, born in Temple, November 23, 1765. Amos, born in Temple, February 29, 1768; married Mrs. Rachel Stone, January 5, 1794; residence Temple. Abel, born in Temple, June 4, 1770. Mary, born in Temple, August 16, 1772; married Asa Severance, November 25, 1788; residence Temple.

Mrs. Lydia, wife of Abraham, died September 13, 1774. Mr. Dinsmore died in Temple,

## WILLIAM SEARLE, JR.

William Searle, a son of William Searle, was born in Byfield, Mass., in 1723. He came to West Dunstable with his father prior to 1740, who settled near to what is know as "Butterfield Hill." William Searle, Jr., married Hannah Dinsmore, August 6, 1747. She was the oldest daughter of Thomas Dinsmore. He settled in the extreme south part of the town, residing here until about 1769, when he removed to Temple, N. H., settling toward the south part of the town. Mr. Searle was a shoemaker by trade, presumably taking his bench and tools, and going from house to house doing cobbler's work, as was then the custom.

There is an account of a sad story connected with the history of Mr. Searle's family; that on the afternoon of August 15, 1777, during a violent thunder storm, the lightning struck the house and killed two of his children, viz' Jonathan, aged 12 years, and Hannah, aged 10. They were buried in one grave the next day. Mr. Searle's children were: Elizabeth, born in Hollis, July 16, 1748; married Obediah Eastman, February 8, 1774. William, born in Hollis, March 22, 1750; married Eleanor Straw in 1777; residence Temple; died April 22, 1813. Hannah, born in Hollis, April 19, 1752; died young. Joseph, born in Hollis, May 13, 1755; married Persis ——— about 1777; residence Temple. Sarah, born in Hollis, January 7, 1758. Mary, born in Hollis, March 18, 1760. John, born in Hollis, August 6, 1762. Jonathan, born in Hollis, May 29, 1765; killed by lightning at his home in Temple, August 15, 1777. Hannah, born in Hollis, June 11, 1767; killed by lightning at her home in Temple, August 15, 1777. Lucy, born in Hollis, August 26, 1769; she was saved from being killed by the lightning at her home in Temple, August 15, 1777. She married Silas Durkee, July 12, 1785; residence Temple. Mr. Searle served as one of the selectmen in 1782. Lucy stood between Jonathan and Hannah when the lightning struck and escaped unharmed.

## ZEDEKIAH DRURY.

Zedekiah Drury came to West Dunstable in 1741, and located in what is now the south part of Hollis, on the farm now (1909) owned and occupied by Frank B. Spaulding. Mr. Drury was a blacksmith by trade. He was also engaged in farming while here. He removed to Temple, N. H., prior to 1768, as the first town meeting was held there at his house, September 26, 1768. He was chosen moderator at the annual town meeting of 1773.

January 7, 1776, Mr. Drury, with fifteen other Temple soldiers, enlisted into the Continental army for one year. He died in the service, it was said, from malaria fever, which prevailed in August of that year. As found in the records, the following are his children: Capt. Zedekiah, Jr., born ———. Ebenezer, born ———; married Marian ———. Captain Gersham, born ———; married first, Mary Hawkins, June 11, 1783, second, he married Eliza Richards; died December 1, 1792. William, born ———; married Elizabeth ———. Daniel ———. Thomas ———. Mary ———; married John Tenny, July 14, 1773.

## WILLIAM COLBURN, SENIOR.

William Colburn, son of Robert Colburn, was born in Dracut, Mass., in December, 1689; married Margaret Woolley, February 29, 1715, and settled on the old French garrison farm in Billerica, Mass., which came within the limits of Bedford, Mass., on the chartering of that town in 1729. Mr. Colburn, with others, removed from Bedford to West Dunstable in the spring of 1738, and settled at a point on the hill, north of Patch Corner, where he erected a large log hut, used a portion of the year of 1747 as a garrison by a scout or guard of fifteen men sent by the New Hampshire General Court to guard the inhabitants of Monson against Indian invasion. Mr. Colburn was the ancestor of nearly all the Colburns of Hollis.

His children were as follows: Lieutenant Robert, born in Billerica in 1717; married first, Elizabeth Leeman, March 2, 1745, who died in 1746; married second, Elizabeth Smith, March 21, 1747. Keziah, born in Billerica in 1721; married Jonathan Taylor, October 27, 1747. Jemima, born in Billerica in 1724; no record. William, Jr., born in Billerica in 1726; married Abigail Wheeler, July 26, 1757; died February 7, 1776.

Mr. Colburn died April 3, 1769, aged 79. Mrs. Margery, his wife, died February 16, 1774, aged 84. They are buried at the northeast corner of the old Church yard at Hollis. Some of the Colburns landed in Ipswich, Mass. Edward Colburn went from Ipswich to Dracut, about 1655.



## JAMES WHEELER, SENIOR.

James Wheeler, Sr., son of George and Abrigail Hosmer Wheeler, was born in Concord, Mass., September 5, 1702. He married Mary Minot in 1725, and settled in Concord upon the chartering of Bedford in 1729. He came within the limits of that town without a change of residence. In the spring of 1738, Mr. Wheeler came from Bedford to West Dunstable with Mr. Colburn and others, and located about half a mile east of Patch Corner, at a place since know as the Benjamin Wheeler place. He became a prominent citizen in the new settlement. His name is the first name on a petition dated May 13, 1747, to the General Court of New Hampshire, asking for a scout to guard the inhabitants of Monson against Indian invasion. Mr. Wheeler served in the old French war in Capt. Peter Powers' company for the Crown Point expedition of 1755, from April 24 to November 11. He became a large land holder.

His children were: Mary, born in Concord, October 11, 1725. Keziah, born in Concord, March 10, 1727; married John Brown, October 9, 1744; died October 31, 1760. Lydia, born in Concord, March 11, 1729; no record. James, Jr., born in Bedford, May 6, 1731; married Mary Butterfield, November 1, 1750. Elizabeth, born in Bedford, May 23, 1734. Daniel, born in Bedford, April 23, 1736; married Amy Morse, February 1, 1757; died in 1774 or 1775. Azubah, born in Bedford, October 29, 1738; married John Willoughby, Jr., May 30, 1758; residence Plymouth. Thaddeus, born in Bedford, December 16, 1742; married Elizabeth Farmer, October 17, 1769; residence on homestead.

Mr. James Wheeler died in 1766, leaving the homestead to his son, Thaddeus. Mrs. Mary, his wife, was living at the close of the Revolution in 1783.

## PETER WHEELER, SENIOR.

Peter Wheeler, Senior, son of George and Abigail Hosmer Wheeler, was born in Concord, Mass., October 23, 1704; married Hannah Colburn in 1725, and settled in Concord, but came within the limits of Bedford in 1729. He removed to West Dunstable in the spring of 1738, and settled on the hill west of Long pond, where his descendants have resided until within a few years. Mr. Wheeler was famous for hunting wild animals, killing as many as three bears in one night. He served in the old French War in Capt. Peter Powers' company, in the Crown Point expedition of 1755.

His children as found recorded were: Love, born in Concord, May 10, 1728; married Samuel Leeman, November 25, 1746; died August 15, 1775. Peter, Jr., born in Concord in 1730; married Mehitable Jewett, March 19, 1751; residence Temple, N. H. Hannah, born in Concord in 1734, no record. Mary, born in 1736; married Samuel Brown, Jr., January 22, 1761; residence Mason, N. H. Betty, born in 1738; married ——— November 6, 176—; residence Hollis; died ——— Sally, born in West Dunstable in 1740, no record. Lucy, born in West Dunstable, June 1, 1774; married Silas Brown, October 8, 1765; residence Plymouth, N. H. Alice, born in West Dunstable, December 1, 1745; married Ephraim Lund, May 12, 1772; residence Hollis. Ebenezer, born in Hollis, July 15, 1748; married Azubah Taylor, July 13, 1780; residence homestead. Lebbens, born in Hollis, October 15, 1750; married Elizabeth Carter, March 1, 1773; died in service, 1778. Jemima, born in Hollis, August 15, 1756; married Samuel Hill, May 31, 1780.

Mrs. Hannah, wife of Peter Wheeler, died October 18, 1764, age 56. Mr. Wheeler died at homestead, March 28, 1772, aged 68.

## JOHN MARTIN, SENIOR.

John Martin, who came from Billerica, Mass., in the spring of 1738, with those other settlers to West Dunstable, and located east of Patch Corner, at a place known as Martin's pasture. There is a tradition that a Martin and a Wheeler came over from England in the same ship, and that during the voyage, a Martin fell overboard and a Wheeler rescued him. They agreed that wherever a Wheeler went, that a Martin should go, and John Martin came at the same time and settled not forty rods from James Wheeler. Mr. Martin and his son John served in the old French War in Captain Powers' company for the Crown Point expedition in 1755. That on one occasion they gained permission of their captain to go to another regiment and participate in a hard fought battle. They ran three miles to be in the battle. They had a presentiment that no bullet was ever made to kill them. They were in many battles and never received a wound.

His children were: Abigail, born in 1739; married Ephraim Ramsdell, January 21, 1758. John, Jr., born in 1741; ——— Rachel, born May 11, 1743; ——— Joseph, born June 24, 1750; ———

Mr. Martin removed to Bedford, N. H., before the Revolution. John Martin's wife's given name was Rachel.

## THOMAS WOOLEY.

Thomas Wooley, son of Samuel Wooley, was born in Bedford, Mass., about 1722. He came from Bedford to West Dunstable with Mr. Colburn and others in the spring of 1738, bringing their entire effects in an ox cart, plodding their way through the Dunstable wilderness, guided only by marked trees.

He married Mary Williams of Hollis, March 7, 1742, and settled at Patch Corner. Mr. Wooley was one of those who helped to subdue the forests in the vicinity in which he lived. He built a log hut and commenced farming for a living as did most people of those days. He was a brother of Margaret Wooley, the wife of William Colburn.

Mr. Wooley removed to Richmond, N. H., in 1765. It is reported he had a daughter, Sarah, who married Reuben Parker, June 19, 1759, and a sister, Rebecca Wooley, who married Edmond Gardner of Northfield, November 16, 1772. We have no further record of Thomas Wooley.

Mrs. Sarah Wooley Parker died in Richmond, N. H., December 20, 1779.

## PHILIP WOOLRICH.

Philip Woolrich, one of those Scotch-Irish emigrants, who came to this country early in the eighteenth century, whose ancestors fought at the siege of Londonderry, was born in Ireland about 1683. He married Lydia ——— about 1711, and migrated to Nova Scotia, with the Nevins family, of whom it was said, they were connected. Mr. Woolrich later settled in Concord, Mass., and came within the limits of Bedford, from which place he removed with those other families in the spring of 1738 to West Dunstable, and settled near Patch Corner, remaining here only a short time, when he removed to a farm southwest of Peter Powers, since known as the Little place. His name disappears from the records here after 1743. It appears by Fox's history of Dunstable, page 234, that he resided in Dunstable many years; probably died there prior to 1763.

Of his children, little is known. Probably they were born in Concord or Bedford, Mass. If those records were available they might disclose some data. There is a record of Philip, Jr., born about 1713; married Lydia Adams of Westford, Mass., December 2, 1736. There is a tradition that Mary Woolrich married William Nevins in 1745. In 1789, Widow Lydia Woolrich died, aged 104 years and 4 months. She was at the time of her death, and had been for a time, residing with Joseph Nevins in Hollis. They called her Granny Ulrich; all this would go to show that the two families were connected. This family's name was written several different ways.

## ISRAEL MEAD.

Israel Mead, one of those early settlers of Monson, N. H., who married Sarah ——— prior to coming to Monson in 1753. He settled on Witch Brook at North Hollis at the Enoch Farley place.

Mr. Mead was a brickmaker by trade, the first one of this section. He was engaged in the manufacture of bricks while living at the Farley place, was taxed in Monson until 1758, when it appears by the records, he removed to Hollis Center, to a point south of the Peter Powers' house, where he continued the manufacture of bricks. There are bricks now in the chimney of the Capt. William Hale house, and others, made by Israel Mead.

Mr. Mead is taxed in Hollis until 1775, when he died, and the property was taxed to Mrs. Sarah Mead from that date until 1780. After that date her name disappears from the records; presumably she went to Orford, as probably her daughter, Mary Mead, married John Case of Orford, N. H., April 28, 1785, and they resided in Orford.

We have no further record of this family.

## ZACHARIAH SHATTUCK.

Zachariah Shattuck, son of William and Abigail Shattuck, was born in West Groton, Mass., March 6, 1724. He married Elizabeth Fisk, March 3, 1747, and settled in the southeast part of Monson, at the Jesse Hardy place. Mr. Shattuck was ancestor of nearly all the Shattucks in this vicinity, and of those residing in the north part of Nashua, becoming a large land holder, cultivating those extensive pine plains, and raising large crops of rye. Some of his descendants became wealthy farmers.

His children as found recorded were: Zachariah, Jr., born in Monson, November 24, 1747; married Elizabeth Farley, November 28, 1771; died January 1819. Elizabeth, born in Monson May 15, 1750; married Timothy Wyman, December 17, 1772. Mary, born in Monson ——— 1753; married Stephen Farley, January 28, 1779. Abigail, born in Monson, June 10, 1755; married Nathan Colburn, January 28, 1779; died March 11, 1851, age 96. Isaac, born in Monson ——— 1757; died in the army, June 1776; Samuel, born in Monson ——— 1758; married Lois Wheat, May 5, 1791. Sibbel, born in Monson, March 1760; married Phineas Hardy, Jr. Hannah, born in Monson ——— 1764; married Jacob Mooar, January 15, 1784; died September 14, 1791; residence Hollis. Daniel, born in Monson, February 24, 1767; married Betsy Corey of Chelmsford, January 8, 1793. Abel, born in Monson, June 3, 1769; married Sally Blood, April 16, 1795. Nathan, born in Hollis, June 9, 1774; married Susanna Wood, November 25, 1802.

Mr. Shattuck died March 20, 1809, age 85 years. Mrs. Shattuck died November 8, 1815, age 88 years. They were buried in the old Church-yard at Hollis.

## WILLIAM SHATTUCK.

William Shattuck, brother of Zachariah, and son of William and Abigail Shattuck, was born in Groton, Mass., January 25, 1712. He married Ruth ——— in 1738, and shortly settled at Brimstone Corner, east of "Flint's Hill," in West Dunstable. His wife, Ruth, died November 4, 1744. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Experience Spalding Curtis, November 26, 1745.

Mr. Shattuck's children were as follows: Ruth, born in West Dunstable, November 1, 1739; married Robert Rankin, September 23, 1761. William, Jr., born in West Dunstable, February 26, 1741; married Zilpha Turner, December 2, 1761. Mary, born in West Dunstable, March 1, 1743; married Joseph Stearns, December 9, 1763. Nathaniel, born in West Dunstable in ——— 1746; married Eunice Hazen ———; died April 5, 1813. Experience, born in West Dunstable in 1749; married Benjamin Simpson, August 13, 1772. Elizabeth, born in West Dunstable in 1751; married James Lakin, November 5, 1772. Jeremiah W., born June 24, 1754; enlisted in the war of the Revolution; died at Cambridge, May 29, 1775.

Mr. Shattuck died at his home in Hollis, March 13, 1761, age 49. Mrs. Experience Shattuck, his widow, was living in 1794 on the premises.



## JONATHAN DANFORTH, SENIOR.

Jonathan Danforth, Sr., son of Jonathan, a grandson of Jonathan the distinguished land surveyor, was born November 10, 1714. He came to West Dunstable in 1741; married Anna Blanchard, daughter of Benjamin Blanchard, May 24, 1743, and settled on the farm west of Cyrus F. Burge on the Depot road. Mr. Danforth was a descendant of Nicholas Danforth, who migrated to this country from England in 1632, to escape the knighthood that King Charles sought to impose upon him in consequence of his great wealth.

Mr. Danforth's children were: Anna, born in West Dunstable, February 7, 1744. Jonathan, Jr., born in West Dunstable, July 20, 1745; married Hannah Leeman in 1769. David, born in West Dunstable, January 24, 1747.

Mr. Danforth died March 3, 1747, aged 32.

## JONATHAN DANFORTH, JUNIOR.

Jonathan Danforth, Jr., son of Jonathan and Anna Blanchard Danforth, was born in West Dunstable, July 20, 1745. Mr. Danforth located in Monson about 1766, and built a saw mill on Witch brook in company with Jonathan Lund of Monson. The mill stood where the dividing line came between the Rogers and Spalding farms at North Hollis at the Amherst line. Subsequently, Mr. Danforth erected a house and grist mill at the "Kendall mill place" on Witch brook at North Hollis. Later he bought thirty-six acres of land of Abraham Leeman, where he resided the rest of his days. He occupied a prominent position in town, and served as moderator at some special meetings. He was guardian for Nathan Nevins who became twenty-one in 1791, and Mr. Danforth sold his property here to Hezekiah Kendall of Wilmington in October 1791.

He married Hannah Leeman in 1769. His children were: Hannah, born May 5, 1770; married Jermathael Bowers, February 10, 1791. Jonathan, born July 27, 1772. Elizabeth, born May 10, 1774. Leonard, born April 9, 1777; married Polly Henry, April 23, 1801. David, born May 15, 1779. Luther, born October 23, 1781. Anna, born July 18, 1883. Asa, born October 14, 1785. Rebecca, born March 23, 1788.

Mr. Danforth died August, 1782. Most of this family went to Mont Vernon, N. H.

## JOHN WILLOUGHBY.

John Willoughby, son of John Willoughby of Billerica, was born in Billerica, Mass., December 25, 1707. His ancestors were of Scotch-Irish origin, but had resided in England a few generations, previous to migrating to this country. Mr. Willoughby married Anna Chamberlain of Billerica, March 27, 1735. He removed to West Dunstable in 1744. He served in the old French war, and was a grantee of Plymouth, N. H. His wife, Anna, died February 3, 1773. He married for a second wife Elizabeth Sprage of Billerica, June 28, 1774.

His children, taken from Willoughby records, were as follows: Captain John, Jr., born in Billerica, December 24, 1735; married Azubah Wheeler, May 30, 1758; residence Plymouth. Jonas, born in Billerica, March 31, 1737; married Hannah Bates, July 10, 1760; residence Hollis; died 1791. Joseph, born in Billerica, February 17, 1739; went to Bennington, Vt. Anna, born in Billerica, May 30, 1741; married Timothy French, May 3, 1771; residence Hollis. Mary, born in Billerica, February 26, 1743; died in 1752. Susannah, born in Billerica, May 26, 1744; married Jonathan Powers, November 28, 1764; residence Dunstable; died September, 1828. Samuel, born in Billerica, February 13, 1745; married Elizabeth Jaquith, December 3, 1772; married second wife, Mary Gould; died October 26, 1832, age 86. Mehitabel, born in Billerica, August 3, 1747; married Jonathan Bates, October 19, 1769. Rebecca, born in Billerica, February 13, 1749; married Thomas Nevins, Jr., in 1770; residence, Hebron, N. H. William, born in Billerica, September 2, 1751; died in November, 1773. Elizabeth, born in Billerica, April 3, 1753; married Samuel Lovejoy, August 27, 1794. Josiah, born in Billerica, July 30, 1755; died in 1757.

Mr. John Willoughby died February 2, 1793, aged 85.

# LIEUT. DAVID WALLINGSFORD.

Lieut. David Wallingsford, son of Jonathan Wallingsford, was born in Bradford, Mass., September 25, 1744. A descendant of Nicholas Wallingsford, who emigrated, when a boy, in the ship "Confidence" from London to Boston in 1638. Lieutenant Wallingsford came to Monson in 1765. He engaged in agricultural pursuits. He enlisted in the war of the Revolution in Captain Dow's company for Concord and Lexington. He was at the battle of Bunker Hill; was Lieutenant of Capt. Archelaus Town's company at the battle of Bennington, and in the northern campaign, was one of the first to order his men at the battle of Bennington to fire on the British and Hessians. He was paid off in worthless Continental money at the close of the war. He had the misfortune to lose his house by fire. Soon after his return Mr. Wallingsford married Elizabeth Leeman, March 6, 1767.

His children were born at homestead, situated east of Philip Woods. Elizabeth, born in Monson, September 14, 1767; married Aaron Bailey, May 17, 1785; went to New York. Jonathan, born in Hollis, September 10, 1770; went to Wisconsin; died March, 1863. Sarah, born in Hollis, July 5, 1772; no record. Martha, born in Hollis, March 26, 1774; married John Sawtell, April 19, 1797. David, born in Hollis, November 26, 1776; died September 27, 1777. David, born in Hollis, October 12, 1778; married Abigail Stoker in 1798; went to Ohio; died in 1836. Ebenezer, born in Hollis, October 5, 1780; a blacksmith in Marlboro, N. H.; married Mary Hildreth, October 20, 1803. Benjamin, born in Hollis, January 24, 1782; married Hannah Needham, November 19, 1807; died May 9, 1818. Joel, born in Hollis, January 22, 1784; died in Claremont, N. H., in ——— 1841. Hannah, born in Hollis, June 29, 1785; died in Marlboro in ——— 1851. Mary, born in Hollis, October 29, 1787. Abigail, born in Hollis, January 4, 1790.

Mr. Wallingsford died March 12, 1791. His wife married Nehemiah Barker, March 17, 1799, and died August 4, 1822.

## CAPT. EBENEZER MELVIN.

Capt. Ebenezer Melvin, son of Jonathan and Sarah Hartwell Melvin, was born in Concord, Mass., November 10, 1725; married Susannah Dinsmore, daughter of Thomas Dinsmore of Hollis, in April, 1747, and soon after settled in Monson at a place now known as Melendy place, in the northeast part of Brookline, where Mr. Melvin built a dam, and erected a saw mill. Mr. Melvin was famous for hunting wild animals. He was Captain of Colonial militia; and served in the French war in 1757. He served the town of Monson in various ways, and was a prominent citizen in the new settlement. His wife, Susannah, died in 1765; he married again Mary Bailey in 1766, and removed to Hollis.

His children were: Ebenezer, Jr., born in Monson, December 28, 1752; married Joanna Bailey, February 20, 1777; residence, Groton, N. H. Nathan, born in Monson, November 20, 1755. Eunice, born in Monson, February 9, 1759. Daniel, born in Monson, September 8, 1761. Susannah, born in Monson, October 23, 1764; married William Crawford in 1786; residence Plymouth. Seth, born in Hollis, April 28, 1767. Enoch, born in Hollis, August 20, 1769; married Mary Read, March 27, 1794; died October 27, 1824. Isaac, born in Groton, N. H., August 29, 1772; married Abigail Dearborn, March 27, 1796.

Captain Melvin with four other families, viz: James Gould, James Hobart, Phineas Bennett and Samuel Farley, removed to Groton, N. H., in the spring of 1770. They were the first settlers there. Mr. removed to Plymouth, N. H., in the spring of 1790, where he died.

## JONATHAN LUND, JUNIOR.

Jonathan Lund, son of Captain Jonathan and Jean Varnum Lund, was born in Dunstable, N. H., in September, 1747; married Priscilla Cummings in 1770, and settled in Monson, N. H., at a place since known as "Milford poor farm." He was a blacksmith by trade, was quite an artist, and used to manufacture mill saws. Mr. Lund built a saw mill in company with Jonathan Danforth on Witch brook on the Spalding farm at North Hollis in 1766, then situated in the town of Monson. They operated this mill until November 8, 1797, when they sold it to Jonathan, Jr., and Asaph Spalding for twenty pounds. This mill privilege was bought of James Woodward of Reading, Mass., who owned one hundred and thirteen acres of land here.

His children were: Jonathan, Jr., born in Amherst, July 25, 1771. David, born in Amherst, June 10, 1773. Isaac, born in Amherst, March 17, 1775; married Sally Griffin, September 15, 1803; residence homestead; died October 9, 1842. Hannah, born in Amherst, January 13, 1777; married Samuel Butler, September 24, 1805; residence Pelham. Priscilla, born in Amherst, January 25, 1779; married Joel Lund, November 8, 1803; residence, Dunstable, Mass. Oliver, born in Amherst, September 21, 1780; married ———; residence Newport. Mary, born in Amherst, August 6, 1783; died September 8, 1786. Samuel, born in Amherst, December 11, 1785. Ephraim, born in Amherst, March 17, 1788; died March 30, 1788. Elizabeth, born in Amherst, April 15, 1789; married Presson Holmes, May 23, 1809. Rachel, born in Amherst in 1792; married William Shepard ———; residence Vermont.

Mrs. Lund died January 22, 1824, age 76; buried in Old Yard, Milford. Mr. Lund died June 11, 1828, age 81; buried in Old Yard, at Milford.

## JOHN HASTINGS.

John Hastings, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Edwards Hastings, was born in Reading, Mass., in 1700; married Keziah ——— in 1721, and shortly after settled at "Turkey hills" Lunenburg, Mass.

Their children were: Elizabeth, born in 1721; married Abraham Leeman, January 30, 1745. Keziah, born in 1723; married Benjamin Blanchard, December 11, 1744. Mary, born in 1725; married William Nevins, November 8, 1746. William, born in 1728; married ———. Sarah, born in 1733; married John Austin, January 1, 1756.

This family in later years resided in Dunstable, and so immediately connected with the history of the West Dunstable families it is here given. The four Hastings girls had 42 children, viz: Elizabeth had 10, Keziah had 14, Mary had 9, and Sarah had 9, making 42.

William Hastings, son of William, Jr., who resided in Amherst, N. H., was born in 1759. He married Dorothy Dyke, August 31, 1785. He served in the war of the Revolution from Amherst in Colonel Peabody's regiment for Rhode Island in August, 1778. He lost a leg by a wound received from a cannon ball. He received a pension.



## BENJAMIN KENDRICK.

Benjamin Kendrick, son of Caleb and Abigail Bowen Kendrick, was born in Newton, Mass., January 30, 1724. Mr. Kendrick for the purpose of occupying land which his father owned on the Souhegan river below Lyon's bridge in Monson, came up in the spring of 1749, and shortly after purchased 17 acres of Caleb Stiles, joining his other land, whereon he erected his rude dwelling. Mr. Kendrick married Sarah Harris, daughter of Stephen Harris of Hollis, March 1, 1750, and settled at a place known as "Amherst poor farm," where he spent the rest of his years.

His children were: A son, who died in infancy, born in 1750. A daughter, who died in infancy, born in 1752. Stephen, born January 13, 1756; married Sarah Shepard in 1778. Sarah, born August 29, 1758; married Nathan Kendall, Jr. Abigail, born August 8, 1764; married Isaac Brooks, May 28, 1791. Anna, born October 30, 1768; married Gov. Benjamin Pierce, February 1, 1790.

They were the parents of President Franklin Pierce, who was inaugurated President of the United States, March 4, 1853. Mr. Kendrick was prominent in town affairs, having served the town of Monson nine years as Town Clerk, and eleven years as one of their Selectmen. Mr. Kendrick died November 13, 1813, aged 88. Mrs. Sarah Harris, his wife, died May 27, 1818, aged 88. John Kendrick, a native of Muddy River, England, was born in 1605, and migrated to Boston in 1639. Subsequently, his descendants settled in Newton, Mass. .



## CAPT. DANIEL KENDRICK.

Capt. Daniel Kendrick, son of Caleb and Abigail Kendrick, was born in Newton, Mass., October 4, 1735, a descendant of John Kendrick, born at Muddy River, England, in 1605, and came to Boston in 1639. Captain Kendrick married Hannah Harris, daughter of Stephen Harris, January 29, 1759, and settled at Patch Corner, then located in Monson. Mr. Kendrick was a prominent citizen. He had influence in town affairs, and served the town of Monson as one of their Selectmen. Upon the division of Monson he came within the limits of Hollis. He served this town as one of their Selectmen in 1775, 1776 and 1777. He served in the war of the Revolution, enlisting into Capt. Daniel Emerson's mounted company for Rhode Island in 1778. Mr. Kendrick gave the alarm of the British troops marching for Concord and Lexington, April 19, 1775, by firing a cannon as had been agreed upon.

His children were: Elizabeth, born in Monson, December 26, 1759; married Timothy Jones, June 13, 1782; residence Amherst; died May, 1818; married for second husband, Andrew Leavitt. Daniel, Jr., born in Monson, May 26, 1761; married Mary Pool, February 15, 1782; died by hanging, May 13, 1790. Hannah, born in Monson, August 4, 1763; killed by her brother, John P., April 22, 1805, in a fit of insanity. Caleb, born in Monson, January 30, 1767; died March 17, 1789, age 22 years. Esther, born in Monson, November, 1773; died September, 1775, age 22 months. Bowen, born in Monson, May 18, 1770; died September 1, 1778.

John Peneuil, born in Monson, 1776, became deranged, died in Amherst jail, May 19, 1805. Mr. Kendrick was Captain of state militia. He died May 20, 1789. Mrs. Hannah Kendrick was killed by her son, John P., in a fit of insanity, April 22, 1805.

## DANIEL KENDRICK, JUNIOR.

Daniel Kendrick, Jr., son of Capt. Daniel and Hannah Harris Kendrick, was born in Monson, May 27, 1761; married Mary Pool, February 15, 1782, and settled first near his father at Patch Corner for a short time, then he removed to Vermont, residing there a few years, then returning again to Hollis to the old homestead at Patch Corner. Soon after returning from Vermont, he began to show signs of insanity. It was said this was hereditary in the Kendrick family. In a fit of derangement on the morning of May 13, 1790, Mr. Kendrick hung himself in his barn, being then only twenty-nine years old.

His children were: Rev. Daniel, 3rd, born in Hollis, March 30, 1786; married Sarah Ookman in 1812; residence Maine; died May, 1868. Mary, born in Vermont, September 1, 1787, married Timothy Hunt in 1807; residence Stoddard, N. H. Rev. William Pool, born in Hollis, January 27, 1790; married Emily Tucker in 1820; residence Illinois.

Mrs. Mary Pool Kendrick, wife of Daniel Kendrick, Jr., married for her second husband Zebulon Wheeler, October 24, 1791. She had seven children by him. She died in 1810.

## DEACON NOAH JOHNSON.

Deacon Noah Johnson, son of William and Esther Gardner Johnson, was born in Woburn, Mass., February 2, 1699, where he resided in his youth. He married Elizabeth ——— in 1720, and settled in Dunstable, N. H. He enlisted into Capt. John Lovewell's company of 46 men, as sergeant, who marched against the Pequawkett Indians, April 18, 1725, whom they encountered May 8, at Fryburg, Me., and fought that bloody battle known as "Lovewell's fight." Mr. Johnson was severely wounded in his hand and arms, and disabled for many years. In consequence of this a pension of 10 pounds a year was granted him in December, 1726, by the Massachusetts Colonial Court, and increased to 15 pounds in 1737. Mr. Johnson lived at that time where the Concord Junction now is in Nashua. In 1728, he removed to that part of Dunstable known as "One Pine Hill," now Hollis, residing here until 1734, when he removed to Pembroke, N. H., residing here some years and at Suncook, where he was Deacon of the church, but owing to a certain litigation he returned to Dunstable in 1746. Mr. Johnson continued to reside here until his old age in 1781, when he went to Plymouth, N. H., to live with his daughter.

His children were: Elizabeth, born in Dunstable, October 3, 1728; married Joseph Senter in 1754; residence Plymouth, N. H. Capt. Noah, Jr., born in Dunstable, May 27, 1730; killed near Lake Champlain, August, 1760. Edward, born in Dunstable, June 6, 1733; killed in the French war in 1757.

Mr. Johnson died at Plymouth, August 13, 1798, in the one hundredth year of his age. He was the last survivor of Lovewell's fight.

## GENERAL WILLIAM FRENCH.

Gen. William French, son of Deacon William and Mehitable Patten French, was born in Billerica, Mass., January 25, 1713, residing on the homestead during his youth, manifesting a lively interest in military affairs. He rose through all the grades from a private to Brigade General. He married Tabitha ——— in January, 1737.

His children were: Jonathan, born in Billerica, October 10, 1737; married Abigail Hosley in 1761; residence Biliencia. William, Jr., born in Billerica, February 16, 1739; married Lucy Remick, July 25, 1776; residence Hollis and Bedford. Joseph, born in Billerica, December 10, 1740; married Mary Youngman, February 1, 1771; residence Hollis and Bedford. Tabitha, born in Billerica, December 31, 1742; married ——— Carleton; residence in Billerica. Benjamin, born in Billerica, February 18, 1744; married Bethsheba Hill, November 6, 1776; residence Dracut and Milford, N. H. Nehemiah, born in Billerica, March 29, 1746; married Submit ——— 1771; residence Lyndeboro, N. H. Stephen, born in Billerica, December 31, 1748; married Dolly Colburn in 1773; residence Bedford, N. H. Ephraim, born in Billerica, November 10, 1751; married Hannah Melendy in 1777; residence Amherst, N. H. David, born in Billerica, September 15, 1754; married Lydia Parker, March 5, 1778; residence Bedford; died June 13, 1790. Mehitable, born August 18, 1756; married Job Bailey, August 18, 1776; residence Wilton, N. H. Elizabeth, born August 18, 1756; married Daniel Bailey, March 4, 1784; residence Hollis; died July 25, 1817. Mary, born in Billerica in 1758.

General French was administrator of his father's estate in 1745, retaining the homestead until October 8, 1766, when he sold it and removed the next year from Billerica to Monson, which was afterward Hollis; first settler of a place since known as Cobbett's mill on Witch brook. Mr. French had a sister, Sarah, who married a Kittredge and a Kidder that lived in the

neighborhood. Mr. French built a saw mill, which he operated until about 1785, when he and a number of his sons went to Bedford, N. H., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was the ancestor of many of the Frenchs. Mr. French died in 1793, aged 80 years.

## CAPTAIN THOMAS WHEELER.

Capt. Thomas Wheeler, son of Thomas Wheeler, who was born in Fairfield, England in 1618, came to this country with his father before 1640; married Ruth Wood, March 17, 1741. Mr. Wheeler was a renowned Indian fighter, and author of Indian anecdotes, published in Vol. 2, N. H. Historical Col. He served in the Narragansett war. He, with Captain Hutchinson, was sent with twenty men, August 2, 1675, to form a treaty with the Indians at Quabaog; they were drawn into ambush and suddenly fired upon, and eight of their number killed, and Mr. Wheeler was badly wounded. He was rescued by his son Thomas, then only 13 years old, who also was wounded. Captain Wheeler and his son, Joseph, held land grants in Dunstable, N. H., and as proprietors signed the petition for the charter of old Dunstable, dated September 19, 1673. He resided in Dunstable several years, and commanded a company sent to guard Dunstable and vicinity against Indian invasion.

His children were: Alice, born in Concord, Mass., in December, 1641. Sarah, born in Concord, Mass., July 10, 1649. Joseph, born in Concord, Mass., August 18, 1651; married Mary Powers, March 1, 1681; residence Dunstable and Nashua. Ann, born in Concord, Mass., December 20, 1653. John, born in Concord, Mass., February 18, 1656. Mary, born in Concord, Mass., December 20, 1658. Thomas, born in Concord, Mass., March 29, 1662; married Hannah ———; residence, Groton, Mass.

Mr. Wheeler died at Concord, Mass., December 16, 1686, age 68. Mr. Wheeler married for his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Beers Stearns, July 23, 1677. Mr. Wheeler was encamped for a season at Pine Hill, within the limits of Hollis.

## JAMES WHEELER, JUNIOR.

James Wheeler, Jr., son of James and Mary Minot Wheeler, was born in Bedford, Mass., May 6, 1731. He came to West Dunstable with his father while in his youth; married Mary Butterfield, November 1, 1750, and settled near his father, where they then resided, east of Patch Corner, which was in the township of Monson. He became involved in debt. His creditors were after him. He removed about a mile east, near the Shattuck land, and told his folks if inquiry was made to tell them he had gone to Boston. The place has been called Boston lot ever since. Mr. Wheeler served in the war of the Revolution in Capt. Noah Worcester's company at Cambridge in 1775. Shortly after this he removed to the north part of Dunstable, where his wife's people resided, and soon after became insane and remained in this condition four or five years. He spent all of his wife's property, who became heir to several hundred acres of those pitch pine forests of Dunstable plains.

His children were: James, Jr., born in Monson, January 29, 1753; married Hannah Read, February 11, 1794; residence Merrimack. Reuben, born in Monson, January 30, 1755; married Dorcas Stevens, April 10, 1777; residence, Amherst. John, born in Monson, July 2, 1758; married ———; residence Amherst. Levincey, born in Monson, August 20, 1760; married William King, January 27, 1780; residence Amherst. Abizer, born in Monson, February 2, 1765; married Ruth Williams, December 2, 1784; residence Amherst. Zebulon, born in Monson, January 20, 1768; married Widow Mary Pool Kendrick, October 24, 1791; residence Hollis. Solomon, born in Monson, April 28, 1769; married Hannah Farley, August 25, 1791.

Mr. Wheeler died in 1785; probably buried in Roby yard, Nashua.



## DANIEL WHEELER.

Daniel Wheeler, son of James and Mary Minot Wheeler, was born in Bedford, Mass., April 23, 1736. He came to West Dunstable with his father. He married Amy Morse, February 1, 1757, and settled at Patch Corner in Monson. He came within the limits of Hollis, July 4, 1770, without a change of residence. Mr. Wheeler served in the French war in Capt. Peter Powers' company for the Crown Point expedition of 1755. Mr. Wheeler was engaged in agricultural pursuits, as were most of the early settlers. This family all left Hollis prior to 1800.

His children were: Lydia, born in Monson, November 24, 1757; married Joseph Adams; died in 1825. Abner, born in Monson, April 14, 1760; married Mary Ross; was at battle of Bennington. Jacob, born in Monson, March 5, 1763; married Elizabeth Dix, March 7, 1790; died April 25, 1829. Daniel, Jr., born March 18, 1765; bound out by Samuel Leeman to Ephraim Lund, a blacksmith, in 1782; married Chlve White; residence Alstead, N. H.; died March 18, 1853. Benjamin, born in Monson, August 18, 1768; married Polly Fitch of Bedford, Mass.; residence, Concord, N. H. Hannah, born in Monson, 1772; married Joseph Flagg of Grafton, N. H.; married for second husband Deacon Nathaniel Hale of Orange, N. H.; died 1862, age 90.

Mr. Wheeler died early in 1775. His widow, Amy Wheeler, married Samuel Leeman, April 7, 1779, for a second husband. They resided at the Wheeler homestead at Patch Corner. Mr. Leeman died in 1789. His wife resided here until May 26, 1803, when she went to live with her son at Concord, N. H. She died November 30, 1821.



## LIEUTENANT THADDEUS WHEELER.

Lieut. Thaddeus Wheeler, son of James and Mary Minot Wheeler, was born in West Dunstable, December 16, 1742. He married Elizabeth Farmer, October 17, 1769. He belonged to the Hollis minute men, and served in the war of the Revolution, and was afterward lieutenant in State Militia. He served in the town of Hollis as one of their Selectmen for several years between the years of 1787 and 1808. Mr. Wheeler was a well-to-do farmer, and the owner of a large landed estate. He succeeded to the homestead a man of considerable influence in town affairs. An ardent Democrat of the Jefferson school, he brought his boys up well grounded in the party faith.

His children were: Elizabeth, born in Hollis, July 12, 1770; married David French, January 2, 1799; residence Hollis. Thaddeus, born in Hollis, October 10, 1773; married Sibbel Spalding, November 13, 1800; died January 9, 1871, age 98. Minot, born in Hollis, May 6, 1777; married Sally Farley, April 28, 1800. Theodore, born in Hollis, January 7, 1780; married Susannah Hamlet, October 30, 1805; residence Hollis. Amos, born in Hollis, July 12, 1783; married Mary Rideout, November 1, 1813; residence homestead. Major James, born in Hollis, August 6, 1785; married Dorcas Mooar, April 23, 1817; residence Hollis. Captain Benjamin, born in Hollis, October 16, 1790; married Rhoda Rideout, February 4, 1824; residence Maine.

Mr. Wheeler died in May 1826, from the effects of an injury sustained by the kick of a steer; aged about 83 years and 5 months. Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, his wife, died prior to 1840. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are buried in the tomb at the South Yard in Hollis.

## ABRAHAM TAYLOR, JUNIOR.

Abraham Taylor, Jr., son of Deacon Abraham and Mary Merriam Taylor, was born in Concord, Mass., April 4, 1707. He married Lydia Whittaker, January 20, 1731; resided with his parents in Dunstable during his minority. He was engaged in farming in after years. Mr. Taylor removed to West Dunstable about 1734, and settled at a point about sixty rods northerly from the meeting-house and about as far easterly from Peter Powers, and as appears from the records, was a prominent character in the new settlement, and is supposed to have been the fourth or fifth to locate here, and was its benefactor, having given the Parish the land whereon the meeting-house was subsequently put, its location in November, 1740, being a compromise between the southerners, led by Thomas Dinsmore, and the northerners under the leadership of Stephen Harris, and was selected after a wrangling contest of several months' duration.

Mr. Taylor's children as found recorded were: Olive, born in Dunstable, Mass., January 8, 1732; died young. Lydia, born October 11, 1733; married Noah Worcester, February 22, 1757. Leonard, born in West Dunstable, October 20, 1735; died prior to June 17, 1764. Olive, born August 20, 1737; married David Blood of Pepperell, Mass., November 2, 1762. Abraham, Jr., born August 11, 1739; married Sarah Prescott ——— 1761; residence Westford, Mass. Sarah, born October 24, 1741; married Trueworthy Smith, May 29, 1766. Submit, born June 13, 1743.

Mr. Taylor died June 3, 1743, age 36, buried in the Church yard at Hollis. Mrs. Lydia Taylor, his wife, died September 23, 1795, age 83, at Hollis. Mr. Taylor gave the land for the portion of the burying ground, and was the first man buried in it. He married Lydia Whittaker, January 20, 1731.

## JONATHAN TAYLOR.

Jonathan Taylor, son of Jonathan, a native of Dunstable, was born in 1720. He came to Hollis prior to 1747. On October 27, he married Keziah Colburn, daughter of William and Margaret Wooley Colburn, and settled in Monson at a place north of the Bailey farm, since known as the Hayden homestead. Mr. Taylor was prominent in town affairs, having served the town of Monson as one of their Selectmen in 1759. In the spring of 1761, Mr. Taylor sold his farm to Samuel Hayden of Sudbury, Mass., and purchased of Samuel Burge at Long pond in Hollis; the farm so long known as the Esquire Wright place, where he continued to reside the remainder of his life. Mr. Taylor was a cautious and prudent manager and by dint of industry and perseverance obtained a competency, and was considered a well-to-do farmer.

His children were as follows: Kesiah, born in Monson on June 29, 1749; married James Colburn, August 1, 1771; died August 26, 1772. Azubah, born in Monson, November 12, 1751; married Ebenezer Wheeler, July 13, 1780; residence Hollis; died October 22, 1853. Esther, born in Monson, February 19, 1754; married Benjamin Wright, December 15, 1774; residence Hollis; died November 18, 1830.

Mr. Taylor died April 7, 1789, aged 69. Mrs. Taylor died July 27, 1808, in the 87th year of her age.

## REV. DANIEL EMERSON.

Rev. Daniel Emerson, son of Peter and Anna Brown Emerson, was born in Reading, Mass., May 20, 1716. He was graduated from Harvard University in 1739. Settled in Gospel ministry at West Dunstable, April 20, 1743. The Rev. Dr. Davis of Amherst in his Centennial address before the Hollis Association of Ministers, in September, 1862, said of him: "He was a man of large and active intellect, a convert of Whitefield and partaking largely of his spirit. He was uniformly evangelical, and often a very eloquent preacher."

Mr. Emerson served in the French war as chaplain of Col. Joseph Blanchard's regiment in the Crown Point expedition of 1755. He continued the pastoral relation with the church and people here more than 58 years. He married Hannah Emerson, daughter of Joseph Emerson, November 7, 1744.

His children were: Hannah, born September 30, 1745; married Manasser Smith, February 17, 1774; removed to Maine. Deacon Daniel, Jr., born December 15, 1746; married Anna Fletcher, November 17, 1768; died October 4, 1820. Mary, born September 19, 1748; died January 10, 1750. Dr. Peter, born November 7, 1749; married Rebecca Hobart, January 2, 1777; second marriage, Molly Muzzey, October 21, 1781; died February 21, 1827. Lucy, born October 28, 1751; married Silas Swallow, June 16, 1786; residence Dunstable. Mary, born November 14, 1753; married Ebenezer Rookwood, June 10, 1779; died March 9, 1848. Elizabeth, born May 5, 1755; married Rev. Isaac Bailey, April 8, 1784. Ebenezer, born August 14, 1757; died April 8, 1759. Joseph, born September 28, 1759; died July 27, 1781, at Harvard. Ralph, born March 4, 1761; married Alice Ames, May 13, 1784; killed by cannon, October 4, 1790. Rebecca, born July 5, 1762; died July 5, 1762. Dr. Samuel, born July 5, 1762; married Olive Burrell, July 6, 1791; residence, Kennebunk, died August 7, 1857. William, born December 11, 1765; died Nov. 11, 1775.

Mr. Emerson died September 30, 1801, aged 85 years. He was buried in the Church yard, Hollis. Mrs. Emerson died February 28, 1812, aged 90 years.

## DEACON DANIEL EMERSON, JUNIOR.

Deacon Daniel Emerson, Jr., son of Rev. Daniel and Hannah Emerson, was born in Hollis, December 15, 1746. He married Anna Fletcher, November 17, 1768. Chosen Deacon of the Hollis church in 1775. Appointed Coroner and High Sheriff of Hillsboro county in 1776. He was Captain of the Hollis company that went to Ticonderoga in July of that year, and was also Captain of the company enlisted in Hollis in June, 1777, upon the Ticonderoga alarm. He was also in 1778 Captain of a mounted Hollis company that went to Rhode Island in the summer of that year; and also of a company in Colonel Mooney's regiment raised for the defence of Rhode Island in 1779. Captain Emerson was Town Clerk and first Selectman in 1780 and 1781; a member of the New Hampshire Council in 1787, of the New Hampshire Constitutional Convention in 1791; and a Representative to the New Hampshire General Court in nineteen different years, between 1780 and 1812. He was a farmer and resided in the middle of the town. He was a man of large influence in church and town affairs.

His children were: Anna, born August 20, 1769; married Eli Smith May 7, 1794; residence Hollis. Daniel, 3rd., born July 15, 1771; died November 16, 1808. Hannah, born December 7, 1773. Joseph, born October 13, 1777; died May 13, 1833. Ralph, born August 18, 1787. Samuel, born November 9, 1791. William, born November 9, 1791; married Sarah Jewett, April 18, 1814; married second time, Mary Rice; died December 3, 1873.

Mr. Emerson died October 4, 1820, aged 74.

## COLONEL WILLIAM EMERSON.

Col. William Emerson, son of Deacon Daniel and Anna Fletcher, was born in Hollis, November 29, 1791. He married Sarah Jewett, daughter of Deacon Stephen Jewett, April 18, 1814. She died August 24, 1837. He married for his second wife, Mary Rice. He settled at old Emerson homestead and engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Emerson was prominent in militia affairs. He was promoted through all the grades from non-commissioned officer to Colonel of the regiment. It was said of him that he was haughty and proud, and felt in his glory when in front of the regiment, and took great delight in commanding it. He was disliked by some of the line officers. Mr. Emerson served the town as one of their Selectmen in 1825. He was chosen Deacon of the Congregational church in Hollis in 1832. He served as ensign in the war of 1812. He resided in Hollis until about 1838, when he removed to Nashua, then to Auburn, Mass., where he died.

His children were: William, Jr., born April 29, 1815; died September 24, 1834. Sarah M., born March 3, 1817. Charles H., born February 24, 1819; married Caroline Hayward. Mary J., born August 11, 1821; died unmarried August 24, 1855. Daniel L., born September 20, 1823; married Ellen A. Hendrick; died in 1845.

Mr. Emerson died December 3, 1873, aged 82.

## MOSES EMERSON.

Moses Emerson was born in Haverhill, February 3, 1738. He came to Monson in his youth. He served in the old French war in Capt. Peter Powers' company, regiment of Col. Joseph Blanchard, for the Crown Point expedition of 1755. Married Rebecca ——— about 1760, and settled on what has subsequently been known as the Atwood place, situated in extreme northwest part of Hollis, on the road leading from the Bailey schoolhouse to Federal hill in Milford. Mr. Emerson was the first settler at this place so far as we have any history.

He was taxed in Hollis from 1770 to 1784. His son Benjamin was taxed from 1784 to 1794, when they sold this farm in 1795 to Ebenezer Baldwin of Ashby, Mass. This family then removed to Hebron or Groton of this state.

The births of three children are found recorded in the old records, viz: Benjamin, born in 1761. Moses, born about 1764; married Rebecca Hesteton, January 24, 1793; residence Deering, N. H. Betty, born about 1768.



## DEACON TIMOTHY EMERSON.

Deacon Timothy Emerson, a native and resident of Tewksbury, who married Huldah ———. He came up from Tewksbury and settled in Monson in the spring of 1768, at a point since known as the Rogers place, Witch brook valley at North Hollis. Mr. Emerson served as Deacon of a church, prior to coming to Monson. He had acquired considerable real estate in the vicinity in which he resided.

In the spring of 1780 or 1781, he sold his farm to Benjamin Rogers and removed to the Lot Mooar place on Mooar's hill, at North Hollis, residing here until about 1795, when it was said he died suddenly. Mr. Emerson was the first settler here, and built the Benjamin Rogers house; now (1909) owned and occupied by Waldo E. Hill.

His children as found recorded were: Timothy, Jr., born in Hollis, December 11, 1776. Aaron, born January 11, 1778. Stephen, born March 29, 1781. Huldah, born April 1, 1783. Jesse, born May 15, 1785.

## THOMAS EMERSON.

Thomas Emerson, a native of Tewksbury, Mass., and brother of Deacon Timothy Emerson, who married Judith ——— and settled in Monson in the spring of 1768, at what is known as the Amos Fletcher place at North Hollis, and built the old house now standing on the place.

Mr. Emerson served in the old French war, in the Crown Point expedition, and served in the war of the Revolution in Capt. Daniel Emerson's company of Col. Joshua Wingate's regiment, who marched to Ticonderoga in July, 1776. He was in the service six months. In the spring of 1792, he sold his farm to Samuel Fletcher of New Ipswich, N. H., and is reported to have moved to Richmond, N. H.

Mr. Emerson's children as found recorded here were as follows: Thomas, born in Hollis, November 27, 1774. William, born in Hollis, March 28, 1777. Daniel, born in Hollis, June 12, 1780. John S., born in Hollis, August 12, 1783. Asa, born in Hollis, September 20, 1785.

## JONATHAN FOSTER.

Jonathan Foster, son of Jonathan Foster, was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1758. He married Rachel Kittredge, June 21, 1784, and shortly after settled at Hollis, on the place known as the Colonel John Mooar farm on Mooar's hill at North Hollis. It had been occupied by Benjamin Nevins. Mr. Foster served in the war of the Revolution from Tewksbury. He was engaged in the art of pigeon catching, so much so that people called him "Pigeoner Jack." The first school in the north part of Hollis was kept at Mr. Foster's house by Isaac Brooks, during the fall of 1790. There was no schoolhouse in the old north district until about 1792. Mr. Foster, as was most of his neighbors, engaged in farming.

His children were: Rachel, born July 22, 1785; married Benjamin Farley, November 10, 1814; residence Hollis. Rhoda, born January 10, 1787; married Amos Foster of Tewksbury, November 23, 1813. Lydia, born November 11, 1789; married Alfred Hutchinson, May 8, 1810; residence Milford. Jonathan, Jr., born January 9, 1793; married Leefy French, October 17, 1816; residence Amherst. Abigail, born November 25, 1796; married Jonathan B. Stevens, April 4, 1814. Hannah, born October, 1801; died December 9, 1801. Moses K., born in 1805; died in 1806.

Mr. Foster died May 17, 1813, in 55th year of his age; buried in North yard. Mrs. Foster died at Hardwick Vt., May 14, 1852, aged 90 years.

## OLIVER FARWELL, JUNIOR.

Oliver Farwell, Jr., son of Oliver and Abigail Hubbert Farwell, was born in Dunstable, June 21, 1741. A descendant of Henry Farwell, who settled in Concord, Mass., prior to 1660, a renowned old plebian, who was the ancestor of nearly all of the Dunstable Farwells. Mr. Farwell married Abigail Danforth of Dunstable about 1770, and soon after settled at South Merrimack, N. H., where he opened a hotel which became famous in after years as the old Farwell tavern stand. This grand old hostlery was situated on the Post road leading from Woodstock, Vt., to Boston. This venerable house is still (1909) standing, formerly known as the J. B. Holt tavern, but more recently called the Rockingham House.

Mr. Farwell became a large land holder, as was his father before him; he was grantee of land in Wilton, Acworth and Claremont. Mr. Farwell's grandfather, Oliver Farwell, was killed with others by the Indians in a fight near Thornton's Ferry on the Merrimack river, September 5, 1724.

His children as found recorded were: Joseph, born in 1772; married Sophia Blanchard. Mary, born in 1774; married William Patterson. Abigail, born in 1776; married William Clark. Oliver, born in 1779; married ——— 1804; died at sea in ——— 1812.

Mr. Farwell died in October, 1822, at South Merrimack, aged 81. Mrs. Abigail Farwell, his wife, died May 1, 1840, aged 92.

## DANIEL BAILEY, SENIOR.

Daniel Bailey, Sr., son of Benjamin, formerly from Salem, Mass., and Mary Parmenter Bailey, was born in Middleton, Mass., March 18, 1728. He married Rebekah Farnsworth, daughter of Joseph Farnsworth of Groton, Mass., in 1751, and settled in Stowe. Mr. Bailey, prior to 1759, purchased the Moses Saunders estate in Monson, N. H., and removed there. He built the old house in the place of a log hut, and soon after repaired the old saw mill and carried on milling.

Mr. Bailey served in the French war. He also served in the war of the revolution, at Cambridge three months in 1775, in the northern campaign in 1777, at Rhode Island in 1778 and 1779. He was a large land holder.

His children were: Joel, born in Stowe, December 11, 1751; married Mary Wheeler in 1776; residence Hollis; died December 28, 1815. Andrew, born in Stowe, January 4, 1754; he was in the war of the Revolution; died November 13, 1781; unmarried. Capt. Daniel, Jr., born in Stowe, December 8, 1755; married Elizabeth French, March 4, 1784; residence homestead; died March 13, 1847. Joanna, born in Stowe, January 30, 1758; married Ebenezer Melvin, Jr., February 20, 1777; residence, Groton. Rebekah, born in Monson, July 24, 1760; married Jesse Hardy, January 3, 1788; died ———— 1792. Sarah, born in Monson, July 24, 1763, married Oliver Willoby, January 31, 1787; married second time Enoch Jewett in 1837. Aaron, born in Monson, June 28, 1765; married Elizabeth Wallingsford, May 17, 1785; remained in New York. Mary, born in Monson, November 16, 1768; married Solomon Hardy in 1796; removed to Dublin.

Mr. Bailey died January 15, 1798, aged about 70. Mrs. Rebekah, his wife, died June 8, 1805, age 73.

## CAPTAIN DANIEL BAILEY, JUNIOR.

Capt. Daniel Bailey, Jr., son of Daniel and Rebekah Farnsworth Bailey, was born in Stowe, Mass., December 8, 1755. He came to Monson with his father when only about four years old. He was engaged in farming and milling, and was a very influential citizen. He settled many estates, and was guardian for minor heirs, etc. Mr. Bailey served in the war of the Revolution in Col. Naham Baldwin's regiment, in Capt. William Reed's company, for New York five months. He was at the battle of White Plains. Mr. Bailey succeeded to the homestead situated in the northwest part of Hollis.

He was prominent in military affairs and was Captain of State militia. He served the town of Hollis as one of their Selectmen 10 years between 1802 and 1816. He represented Hollis in the New Hampshire General Court of 1813; was superintendent of the first Sabbath School in Hollis, organized in 1821. Mr. Bailey married Elizabeth French, daughter of Gen. William French, March 4, 1784, who died July 25, 1817. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Mary (Boyden) Read, Lawrence, April 2, 1818.

His children were as follows: Elizabeth, born in Hollis, September 25, 1784; died July 25, 1816, of consumption; unmarried. Rebekah, born in Hollis, July 12, 1786; married Ebenezer Baldwin, March 31, 1831; died February 12, 1874. Lydia, born in Hollis, April 21, 1789; married Simeon Stearns, August 18, 1812; died April 12, 1825. Daniel, 3rd, born in Hollis, December 31, 1793; married Lucy Baldwin, March, 1821; died July 7, 1828. Mary, born August 28, 1797; died March 26, 1815, age 18, of consumption.

Mrs. Mary Bailey, his wife, died September 3, 1842, aged 84.. Capt. Daniel Bailey died March 13, 1847, aged about 92. Captain Bailey built the house now (1909) standing on the premises, in 1817.

## JOEL BAILEY.

Joel Bailey, son of Daniel, Sr., and Rebekah Farnsworth Bailey, was born in Stowe, Mass., December 11, 1751. He came to Monson with his father when he was eight years old. He enlisted into the war of the Revolution at Cambridge in 1775, eight months at West Point; three months in 1780. Mr. Bailey was a great hunter of wild animals; the black bear, the wolf, the wild cat or panther, then roamed the forests at will. He was also a renowned coon hunter. His father gave him fifty acres of land for a homestead, (of which he had the same amount for all his children). His father built him a house, which is still (1909) standing, situated about sixty rods northwest of the Bailey schoolhouse off the Milford road, more recently known as the Stimson place. This house was built about 1775.

Mr. Bailey married Mary Wheeler, oldest daughter of James Wheeler, Jr., in 1776. Mr. Bailey had no children. His kinsman, Leonard Bailey, cared for him in his old age, and had the property.

Mr. Bailey died December 28, 1815, aged 64. Mrs. Mary Bailey, his wife, died June 30, 1842, aged 90.

## AARON BAILEY.

Aaron Bailey, son of Daniel and Rebekah Farnsworth Bailey, was born in Monson, June 28, 1765; married Elizabeth Wallingsford, May 17, 1785. His father gave him fifty acres of land and built a house thereon; this place since known as the Oliver Willoby or Baldwin place. Mr. Bailey kept a West India goods store here. This venture proved to be a failure as he purchased his liquors and other goods of James Brazier of Groton, whom he failed to pay, and subsequently mortgaged his whole property to him, who a few years later foreclosed and took the property. At one time Mr. Bailey kept a dancing school. Mr. Bailey went to northern New York and after a time sent for his family. His brother Daniel carried them as far as Lake Champlain.

His children were: Elizabeth, born August 19, 1785; died same day. Angeline, born July 18, 1786; died same day. Andrew, born April 28, 1788. Aaron, Jr., born June 7, 1791; died September 29, 1800. David, born May 15, 1793. Elizabeth, born June 30, 1795. Freeman, born September 11, 1797. Joel, born June 17, 1800. Roena, born July 5, 1803.



## BENJAMIN BLANCHARD, SENIOR.

Benjamin Blanchard, Sr., son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Blanchard, was born in Andover, Mass., 1696. He married Mary Abbott in 1719. He was engaged in farming as was most of the early settlers of New England.

Mr. Blanchard removed to West Dunstable in 1743, and settled about one mile southeast of the meeting-house on land recently owned by a farmer, Charles Richardson.

He signed a petition to the General Court of New Hampshire, asking for a scout to guard and protect them against Indian invasion, dated June 18, 1744. Mr. Blanchard was a lenial descendant of Deacon John Blanchard, a prominent character in the new settlement of Andover.

His children as found recorded were: Benjamin, Jr., born in Andover, in 1720; married Kesiah Hastings, December 31, 1744. Annie, born in Andover, November 22, 1722; married Jonathan Danforth, May 24, 1743. Jacob, born in Andover in 1725; married Elizabeth Lawrence in November, 1745. Joshua, born in Andover in 1727; married Sarah Burge, September 12, 1747; residence Hollis.

Mr. Blanchard's name disappears from the records here after 1753.

## BENJAMIN BLANCHARD, JUNIOR.

Benjamin Blanchard, Jr., son of Benjamin and Mary Abbott Blanchard, was born in Andover, Mass., in 1720. He married Kesiah Hastings, December 31, 1744. Mr. Blanchard came to West Dunstable with his father in 1743.

He served the town of Hollis as one of their Selectmen for the years of 1750 and 1754. Mr. Blanchard removed from Hollis to Peacham, Vt., at a place called Danvil Mills, some time during the year of 1769. He had remained on the homestead until this time.

His children were: Benjamin, 3rd, born in West Dunstable, November 15, 1745. Kesiah, born in Hollis, March 26, 1747; married Jeremiah Wheeler, February 15, 1770. Abial, born in Hollis, January 9, 1749; died October 3, 1749. Jonathan, born June 28, 1750. Abial, born December 1, 1751. Isaac, born April 14, 1753. Dorcas, born in Hollis, February 25, 1755; died young. Peter, born in Hollis, August 27, 1756. Dorcas, born February 25, 1757. Joel, born in Hollis, August 27, 1759. Abel, born in Hollis, February 17, 1761. Reuben, born in Hollis, February 1, 1763. Betty, born in Hollis, January 21, 1765. Simon, born in Hollis, April 10, 1766.

## SAMUEL BROWN, SENIOR.

Samuel Brown, Sr., son of John and Abigail Brown, was born in Byfield Parish, Rowley, Mass., July 20, 1686. He married Elizabeth Wheeler of Salisbury, May 17, 1716. He was a collector of the Parish, and a prominent citizen of the town. He removed from Rowley to Littleton, Mass., in 1729, and was constable of the place in 1736. Mr. Brown removed from Littleton to West Dunstable in 1743.

He was quite prominent in town and church affairs, and was one of the committee of arrangements for the ordination of the Rev. Daniel Emerson. The registry of deeds represents that he owned many valuable parcels of land. It was said that he had several hundred acres in West Dunstable.

His children were: John, born in Rowley, April 5, 1717; died young. Mary, born in Rowley, May 15, 1718. Josiah, born in Rowley, May 3, 1720; married Anna Farwell, November 11, 1741. Dr. John, born in Rowley, March, 1724; married Kesiah Wheeler, October 9, 1744; married second time, Martha Jewett, February 18, 1761; died May 6, 1776. Hannah, born in Rowley, November 26, 1727; married Samuel Farley, October 9, 1744; residence, Groton, N. H. Sarah, born in Littleton, October 18, 1730. Susannah, born June 10, 1735; married Zachariah Davis, June 24, 1773. Martha, born June 25, 1736; married Eleazer Cummings, April 1, 1753; removed to Maine. Samuel, Jr., born October 31, 1737; married Mary Glene, March 26, 1756; married second time, Mary Wheeler, January, 1761.

Mr. Brown died February 22, 1755, at Hollis, in the 62nd year of his age.

## LIEUTENANT JOSIAH BROWN.

Lieut. Josiah Brown, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Wheeler Brown, was born in Rowley, Mass., May 3, 1720. He married Anna Farwell of Groton, Mass., November 11, 1741, and shortly after settled in West Dunstable on land grant of his father's, where he built his log hut, cleared off the forests, and commenced farming. Mr. Brown served in the French war as Ensign in Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell's company, Col. John Hart's regiment, for the second expedition against Louisburg in 1758. He was a grantee of Plymouth, N. H., and removed there in 1764, and was a prominent citizen in the new settlement. He was commissioned Lieutenant in the militia, May 24, 1765, by Governor Wentworth. Incapacitated by the infirmities of age from active service in the Revolution, he remained a wise and useful councilor.

His children were: Elizabeth, born October 14, 1742; married Zachariah Parker, June 27, 1762; he died in 1814; she married second time, Samuel Emerson, December 31, 1818; she died in 1827. Anna, born October 23, 1744; married Jotham Comings, April 27, 1763. Josiah, born September 24, 1746; died April 14, 1753. Molly, born September 4, 1748; married Charles Clark, September 24, 1767. Joseph, born November 8, 1750; married Susannah Dearborn, November 2, 1773; died March 15, 1775. Olive, born November 1, 1752; married Samuel Marsh, November 30, 1769. Susannah, born August 20, 1754; married Joseph Hicks, March 31, 1774. Sarah, born January 3, 1757; married Joshua Fletcher in 1775; residence Plymouth. Josiah, Jr., born January 31, 1759; married Rachel Fellows, November 4, 1779; residence Plymouth.

Mr. Brown died in Plymouth in 1787 or early in 1788.

## DR. JOHN BROWN.

Dr. John Brown, son of Samuel, Sr., and Elizabeth Wheeler Brown, was born in Byfield Parish, Rowley, Mass., in March, 1724. He married first, Kesiah Wheeler, daughter of James Wheeler. He moved from Rowley with his father in 1729, where in his youth he assisted his father in hotel keeping, removing to West Dunstable in 1741 and settling on land grant of his father's, erecting his log hut and marrying Kesiah Wheeler, October 9, 1744. Mr. Brown removed to Monson, N. H., about 1750, where he became the only physician that Monson ever had, so far as we have any account. He served the town as one of their Selectmen for the years of 1756, 1757 and 1758. He served in the old French war under the command of Lieut. Col. John Goffe in the Crown Point expedition of 1757. Mr. Brown was one of the grantees of Plymouth, N. H., where he removed in 1766. His wife, Kesiah, died October 31, 1760, and he married for his second wife, Martha Jewett, of Rowley, February 18, 1761.

His children were: Silas, born in West Dunstable, August 11, 1745; married Lucy Wheeler, October 8, 1765; residence Plymouth. John, Jr., born in Hollis, January 27, 1747; married Abigail Phillips in 1773; residence Plymouth. Kesiah, born December 23, 1749; married William Hobart, November 10, 1766; residence Campton. Abigail, born in Monson, June 10, 1754; married Samuel Shaw, June 24, 1774. Phineas, born in Monson, November 24, 1756. Rebekah, born in Monson, September 1, 1758. Elizabeth, born September 10, 1760; married Nehemiah Phillips. Martha, born April 18, 1762. Sarah, born March 24, 1764. Stephen, born in Plymouth, April 18, 1766; married Anna Davis, December 18, 1788; died May 4, 1839.

Mr. Brown died May 6, 1776, aged 52.

## SAMUEL BROWN, JUNIOR.

Samuel Brown, Jr., son of Samuel and Elizabeth Wheeler Brown, was born in Littleton, Mass., October 31, 1737. He came to West Dunstable with his father in 1743, when only about six years old. He married Mary Glene, March 26, 1756, who died November 29, 1760. He then married Mary Wheeler, daughter of Peter Wheeler, January 22, 1761.

Mr. Brown removed to Mason, N. H., in 1773. He was admitted member of the church there in 1774. He was quite prominent in town affairs, and served the town as Moderator for the years 1776, 1777 and 1778. He was chosen and served on various committees during his residence in Mason. He was in the Revolutionary war from Mason, and removed from there shortly after the war.

Of his children we have the following account: Mary, born in Hollis, January 1, 1757. William, born in Hollis, November 13, 1758; died young. Hannah, born in Hollis, November 13, 1760; married Silas Spaulding, April 24, 1778; residence, Mason. Bridget, born in Hollis, December 31, 1761. Samuel, born in Hollis, January 11, 1764. William, born in Hollis, January 4, 1766; married Elizabeth Nevins in 1789. Josiah, born in Mason, April 15, 1775. Daniel Emerson, born in Mason, July 4, 1777.

## DEACON SAMUEL GOODHUE.

Deacon Samuel Goodhue, son of Deacon Joseph Goodhue of Ipswich, Mass., was born April 6, 1696, in Ipswich. He married Abigail Bartlett, and settled in Stratham, N. H., and after a time, he removed to Nottingham. He was a Deacon of the church here. Mr. Goodhue removed to West Dunstable about 1744, and settled at the Dr. Joseph F. Eastman place at Hollis village. He soon became a prominent and influential citizen and retained the entire confidence of his fellow townsmen and enjoyed many official positions within their gifts.

He served the town as Moderator in the years of 1756 and 1757, and as one of the Selectmen in 1750, 1751, 1753, 1754 and 1756. Deacon Goodhue served in the war of the Revolution one month at Portsmouth in 1777.

His children so far as known were: Samuel, Jr., born about 1733. Rev. Josiah, born in 1735; married Elizabeth Fletcher, July 27, 1757; residence Dunstable. John, born in 1737; married Rebecca Perham, April 26, 1787; in the French war. Stephen, born ———. Mary, born in 1754; married Rev. Samuel Ambrose, February 20, 1776; died January 5, 1830.

Deacon Samuel Goodhue died November 7, 1785, age 90.

## LIEUTENANT ROBERT COLBURN.

Lieut. Robert Colburn, son of William and Margaret Wooley Colburn, was born in Billerica, Mass., March 21, 1717. He came to West Dunstable with his father in the spring of 1738, and helped to build the first meeting-house in West Dunstable in December, 1740. Mr. Colburn married Elizabeth Leeman, daughter of Samuel Leeman, March 2, 1745. She died in 1746. He married for a second wife, Elizabeth Smith, and settled north of Patch Corner, March 21, 1747, then located in the old township of Monson. He was quite prominent in town affairs, having served the town as Town Clerk 13 years, and as one of the Selectmen 15 years. Mr. Colburn served in the war of the Revolution, and was subsequently a Lieutenant in State militia.

His children as found recorded were: Robert, Jr., born in Monson, April 29, 1748; married Dorcas Upton, October 6, 1772; died May 28, 1819. Elias, born in Monson, October 22, 1749; died young. Benjamin, born in Monson, May 11, 1751; died young. Nathan, born in Monson, November 6, 1752; married Abigail Shattuck, January 28, 1779. Benjamin, born in Monson, May 11, 1755; married Esther Wheeler, February 24, 1779; residence, Temple, N. H., and Vermont; died January 21, 1847. Peter, born in Monson, November 14, 1756; died young. Elizabeth, born in Monson, April 27, 1759; married William Ball, February 9, 1781; residence Hollis; died in 1781. Lucy, born in Monson, January 12, 1761; married Thomas Hardy, January 1, 1784; residence, Dublin. Anna, born in Monson, November 27, 1763; died May 24, 1769.

Mr. Colburn became a large land holder; built in 1776 the house and resided at the old Thad Wheeler place near Patch Corner. Mr. Colburn died July 9, 1783, age 66.



## SAMUEL MURDOUGH.

Samuel Murdough, who settled in West Dunstable about 1746 at a place in the new settlement north of Goodwin hill in the present town of Milford. Mr. Murdough served the town of Monson as Highway Surveyor in 1749, and as Pound Keeper on several occasions. He was a prosperous and successful farmer, raising a large crop of corn, and tradition says that on one occasion he had a large husking party at his barn, wherein he dispensed a liberal hospitality, with plenty of ardent spirit, so much so that some of the number present failed to reach home that night. Mr. Murdough became involved in a prolonged litigation with some parties in Merrimack.

His children so far as I have been able to learn were: Thomas, who resided at Thornton's Ferry. Robert, who resided in Monson. Sarah, who married Joseph Ellenwood, October 29, 1752, resided in Souhegan West, or Amherst.

Mr. Murdough removed from Monson about 1765.

## DAVID DUNCKLEE, SENIOR.

David Duncklee, son of Hezekiah and Demaris Wilson Duncklee, was born in Billerica, Mass., August 26, 1746. He came to Souhegan West with his father when young. He married Phebe Odall in 1766; and settled in Monson at a place about three-fourths of a mile southeast of Milford springs on the Duncklee place. Here he built his log hut, cut down the forests, and commenced farming on territory, where subsequently three townships cornered, viz: Hollis, Amherst and Milford. Mr. Duncklee was the ancestor of all the Duncklees in this section.

His children were as follows: David, Jr., born in Monson, September 7, 1767; married Sally Hood, May 25, 1790; died May 1, 1832. Jacob, born in Monson, March 26, 1769; married first Abigail Hill, March 1, 1792, who died July 12, 1814, Amherst; married second time, Rachel Lund, February 7, 1819; died August 26, 1842. Hezekiah, born in Monson, May 2, 1771; married Betty Farley in 1792; residence Hillsboro and Hollis; left his family in 1818; went to New York and Illinois; married second time, a Mrs. Potter. Daniel, born April 3, 1773; died August 31, 1775. Daniel, born in Monson, January 26, 1776; married Ruth Boutelle, April 1, 1803; residence Milford; died February 24, 1856; married second time, Lydia Lund, October 2, 1821. Phebe, born in Monson, December 20, 1778; married Aaron Whitney, March 16, 1797; died January 31, 1800. Hannah, born in Monson, April 21, 1781; married William B. King, November 26, 1801; died January 27, 1855. John, born in Monson, September 5, 1784; married Lucretia Buell, February 21, 1808; residence Newport; died October 5, 1832. Jesse, born in Monson, December 19, 1786; died April 28, 1790. Elizabeth and Ebenezer, born May 10, 1789; Elizabeth married Joseph Pierce December 27, 1810; residence Merrimack; died August 9, 1855. Ebenezer, married Salome Wright, February 22, 1813; residence homestead; died Septem-

ber 3, 1867. James, born in Monson, May 6, 1791; married Hannah Hall, December 31, 1812; residence South Merrimack; died July 23, 1854. Silas, born in Monson, January 8, 1794; married Sarah Thatcher, June, 1818.

Mr. Duncklee died August 13, 1826, aged 80. Mrs. Phebe Duncklee, his wife, died January, 1839, aged 89.

## HEZEKIAH DUNCKLEE.

Hezekiah Duncklee, son of David and Phebe Odall Duncklee, was born in Amherst, May 2, 1771. He married Betsy Farley in 1792, and settled in the southwest part of Hillsboro, N. H. About 1813, he removed to Hollis, settling near Long pond. From here he left his family and went to New York about 1818; becoming involved in debt is supposed to be the cause. He was a basket-maker by trade. Mr. Duncklee went to Potsdam, where his two oldest sons were; from here he went to Ticonderoga after a few years' residence; while living at Ticonderoga, he married a Widow Potter for his second wife. He died here in 1857.

His children were: Hezekiah, born in Hillsboro, February 14, 1793; married Eliza Tucker in 1841; residence Potsdam and Addison, Ill.; died July 25, 1852. Elizabeth, born in Hillsboro, February 23, 1795; married Eben Shedd, August 5, 1817; residence Hollis; married second time, John Cutter; died September 23, 1877. Ebenezer, born in Hillsboro, March 22, 1797; married Amy Highley, January 24, 1824; residence Du Page Co., Ill.; married second time, Ruth L. Hanson, September 9, 1853; died July 22, 1864. Leafy, born in Hillsboro, January 17, 1799; married Ebenezer Farley, September 16, 1817; residence Hollis; died March 12, 1877. Roxana L., born in Hillsboro, April 30, 1801; married Samuel L. Hardy, August 19, 1821; residence Hollis; died November 7, 1835. Curtis, born in Hillsboro, June 3, 1803; married Rebecca Duncklee, October 10, 1825; died September 26, 1857. Nancy, born in Hillsboro, May 8, 1806; married Augustus Ingalls, May 26, 1833; residence Du Page County, Illinois; died August 10, 1845. Lucinda, born June 3, 1808; married Leonard Coombs, November 16, 1830; residence Hollis; married second, Daniel Bixby, November 18, 1855; residence Francestown; died July 28, 1898.

This family subsequently resided at the Cobbitt Place, North Hollis. Mrs. Betsey Farley Duncklee died at Corbett Mill, August 6, 1820.

## CURTIS DUNCKLEE.

Curtis Duncklee, son of Hezekiah and Betsy Farley Duncklee, was born in Hillsboro, N. H., June 3, 1803. He married Rebecca Duncklee, October 10, 1825. Mr. Duncklee was a farm laborer and cooper, and worked out most of the time, and always in limited circumstances. He resided in Milford until about 1830; then settled on Mooar's hill at North Hollis, where he resided until 1837; in 1839 he settled on a little place at South Amherst. He went to Ticonderoga, N. Y., in the spring of 1841. His family followed him in the summer of 1842. He removed to Palo Linn Co., Iowa, in 1856.

His children were as follows: Marietta, born in Milford, October, 1825; died November 26, 1826. Martha, Jr., born in Milford, January 10, 1827; married Nathan Crossman, April 21, 1846; residence Crown Point; had 12 children; died June 3, 1888. Daniel C., born in Milford, June 22, 1829; married Elizabeth Stackhouse, January 10, 1866; residence Iowa; died August 5, 1901. Nancy Alvira, born in Milford, February 7, 1832; married Royal Z. Bennett, February 22, 1848; residence Horicon, N. Y.; had 12 children. Hezekiah, born in Milford, November 20, 1836; died in March, 1865; soldier; of small pox, in Iowa. Huldia Ann, born April 22, 1840; married Alonzo S. Kellogg, August 7, 1861; residence Iowa. Martin B., born in Milford, February 9, 1843; died in March, 1865, in Soldeirs Hospital, Helena, Ark. Cyrus E., born in Milford, December 20, 1847, in Ticonderoga; residence Iowa.

Mr. Duncklee died September 26, 1857, at Palo Linn Co., Iowa. His wife, Rebecca, married for second husband, John Sharp, July 1862, and removed to near Shellsburg, Iowa, where she died, June 3, 1887.

## JOSEPH GOULD.

Joseph Gould, son of Richard Gould, born in Topsfield, Mass., in 1773. He came to Souhegan West with his father when about ten years old. Married Jane Burns of Monson, September 21, 1756, and settled in the south part of Monson village, since known as the Deacon Philip Wood place. He built a house that is still standing in 1909, the present owner being Almond Adams. Mr. Gould first built a log barn that was afterwards used by the town of Monson as a pound, and Mr. Gould was often chosen pound keeper at their annual town meetings.

He was chosen second Selectman in 1769. Mr. Gould sold his farm to Abijah Gould, Sr., in the fall of 1777, and removed to Harvard, Mass. There is a record of the birth of a daughter, Susannah, born January 14, 1759, recorded in the old Monson records.

Mr. Gould died in Harvard, January 15, 1809, aged 76.

Mrs. Gould died in Harvard, June 10, 1834, aged 98. She was born at sea during the passage of her parents from Ireland to this country in 1736. She was the daughter of John Burns of Ireland, who settled in West Dunstable in 1743.

## ABIJAH GOULD, SENIOR.

Abijah Gould, son of Adam and Elizabeth Butterfield Gould, was born in Chelmsford, Mass., December 12, 1735. He married Sarah Spaulding in 1767, a daughter of Phineas Spaulding of Nottingham West, who was born August 9, 1740. Shortly after he settled in Temple, N. H., occupying one of those mountain farms so famous in that town, being one of the early settlers there.

Mr. Gould served in the war of the Revolution, in Capt. Gershom Drury's company, who with 36 other soldiers, marched from Temple, June 30, 1777, on the Ticonderoga alarm, and was in the service one month. Mr. Gould removed to Hollis in the autumn of 1777, residing at the Joseph Gould or Philip Wood place, that he had purchased and continued to occupy until he sold to Philip Wood about 1803, when he removed to Hollis village and resided with his son, the clock-maker, the remainder of his days.

His children as found recorded at Temple were: William, born in Temple, March 1, 1769. Abijah, born in Temple, November 11, 1771; died young. Abijah, Jr., born in Temple, May 20, 1777; married first time, Mary Shattuck, October 10, 1804; married second time, Mary T. Sargent, September 17, 1807.

Mr. Gould died at Hollis village, January 2, 1818, aged 82. Mrs. Sarah Gould, his wife, died in Rochester, N. Y., in 1821.

## DEACON AMBROSE GOULD.

Deacon Ambrose Gould, son of Daniel Gould of Greenfield, N. H., was born in 1777. He married Sussannah Farley, February 17, 1802, and settled at Greenfield for a time, but removed to Mason, N. H., in 1803, and to Hollis early in 1808, and he was engaged in keeping a country store. He built the Edward Emerson house. Mr. Gould served the town as one of their Selectmen in 1812 and 1813, and as Moderator in 1816. He was appointed the first Postmaster of Hollis in 1818. His was the only store in the village for several years.

About 1830, he removed to South Merrimack, (or Hard-scrabble as it was then called). He became Deacon of the church then recently organized there.

His children were: Mary Ann, born November 1, 1802; married John Parker, April 17, 1828. Susan, born at Mason, January 17, 1804; died March 24, 1804. Suky, born at Mason, April 10, 1806; died November 7, 1807. William Ambrose, born in Hollis, March 1, 1808. John, born in Hollis, November 10, 1809. Susan E., born in Hollis, November 22, 1811; married Nathan Kendall, Jr.; residence, Concord. Frederick A., born in Hollis, February 11, 1814. Sarah B., born in Hollis, October 31, 1815. Charles O., born in Hollis, July 9, 1818. George A., born in Hollis about 1830.

Mr. Gould died at South Merrimack in 1842, age 65.



## THOMAS PRATT.

Thomas Pratt was born in 1740. He came to Hollis while a young man. He married Caty Cummings, daughter of Jarahmael and Hannah Farwell Cummings, September 27, 1764. He belonged to the Hollis minute-men. In the war of the Revolution he served in Capt. Reuben Dow's company at Bunker Hill, and was wounded in the right arm at that battle.

He enlisted early in 1777 into the Continental army, and was assigned to Captain House's company, Colonel Cilley's regiment, and remained in the service until June, 1783. Mr. Pratt was placed on the state roll of invalid pensioners June 7, 1783, and continued until September 14, 1786. He married for his second wife, Anna Lawrence, who died January 1, 1806.

His children were: David, born in Hollis, June 2, 1765; married Elizabeth Spalding, August 18, 1789; residence Plymouth. Caty, born in Hollis, May 9, 1767. Hannah, born in Hollis, July 29, 1769. Jerhmael, born in Hollis, April 12, 1772. Batty, born in Hollis, January 13, 1774. Molly, born in Hollis, June 19, 1776. Anna, born in Hollis, September 25, 1779. Stephen and Susannah, born October 24, 1784. John, born in Hollis, February 18, 1791.

It is probable that Mr. Pratt went to Hebron.

## ABIJAH GOULD, JUNIOR.

Abijah Gould, Jr., the clock-maker, was the son of Abijah, Sr., and Sarah Spalding Gould, was born in Temple, N. H., May 20, 1777. He came to Hollis with his parents in the autumn of that year. In early life he learned the art of clock-making, and commenced the manufacture of those tall kitchen clocks, the works being mostly made of wood, which he sold in all the country towns around him. Those clocks with "A. Gould" marked on the dial were seen in many a farm house.

Mr. Gould married Mary Shattuck, a daughter of Zachariah Shattuck, Jr., October 10, 1804, and settled at Hollis village, where he continued to make and repair clocks and watches. His wife, Mary, died May 7, 1806. He married for his second wife, Mary T. Sargent of Milford, September 17, 1807.

Mr. Gould became involved in debt and went to Rochester, N. Y., in the spring of 1821 or 1822. Some time after this, one of his creditors met him one day in Rochester, and says to him: "What! you away out here?" Yes, he says, and I wish I was ten thousand miles further than I am.

The children of Mr. Gould were: Mary, born August 8, 1805; died March 12, 1806. Benjamin, born June 18, 1808. Phineas, born June 23, 1810. Sarah, born September 3, 1812. Lydia, born April 8, 1815. Mary Ann, born December 1, 1817. Lucy, born September 6, 1821.

## EZEKEL PROCTOR, JUNIOR.

Ezekel Proctor, Jr., son of Ezekel and Elizabeth Chamberlain Proctor, was born in Westford, Mass., in 1735. He married Elizabeth Proctor of Dunstable in 1760, residing in Westford until spring of 1772, when he settled in that part of Hollis, which is now Brookline, at a place known as the Pope place. He enlisted into the Continental army, and was in the service about five years or until spring of 1781. He belonged to the Hollis minute-men, who started for Concord and Lexington, April 19, 1775. He was at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Mr. Proctor was a farmer in moderate circumstances, as was most of the early settlers.

His children were: Ezra, born in 1761; enlisted into the Continental army; died from exposure, May 15, 1776. Elizabeth, born in 1762; married Jesse Perkins in 1781; residence Raby. Ezekel, born in 1764; died in 1766. Mary, born in 1766. Joseph, born in 1770. Abijah, born August 13, 1772; married ———; residence homestead; died in 1827. Hannah, born December 16, 1774; died young. Ezra, born May 15, 1776. Hannah, born October 5, 1777. Esther, born January 7, 1781.

Mr. Proctor's father, Ezekel, came here and died here in 1777. He married Elizabeth Chamberlain of Chelmsford, October 24, 1734.

## JOSEPH HOOD.

Joseph Hood, son of Nathan and Elizabeth Palmer Hood, was born in Topsfield, Mass., in 1746. He married Dorcas Hovey, October 13, 1767, residing in Topsfield until the spring of 1780, when he settled in the north part of Hollis, but which became the southern part of Milford on the chartering of that town, in 1794. This place was known as the Daniel Duncklee place. Mr. Hood served in the war of the Revolution from Topsfield.

Mr. Hood was a descendant of Richard Hood from Lynn Regis, England, who was born there about 1636. He migrated to this country in 1671, and settled at Topsfield, Mass. Mr. Hood was a farmer in moderate circumstances.

His children were: Sarah, born in Topsfield, August 14, 1768; married David Duncklee, Jr., in 1790; died in 1849. Joseph, Jr., born in Topsfield, November 28, 1769; married Elanor Woodbury, March 12, 1794; married second time, Dorothy Kirk, March, 1829. Dorcas, born in Topsfield, February 23, 1772; married Jacob Mooar, May 20, 1794; residence Hollis; died in 1851. Huldah, born in Topsfield, March 13, 1774; married William Peacock, November 1, 1795; residence Amherst; died September 17, 1861. Betty, born in Topsfield, August 24, 1777; married Stephen Lovejoy, March 4, 1795; died May 15, 1852. Susannah, born in Topsfield, June 10, 1781; married William Bacon, November 27, 1797; married second time, William J. Doyle; died March 5, 1843. Jeremiah, born in Hollis, October 14, 1787; married Mary Warner in 1810; residence Milford; died August 8, 1861. Charles, born in Hollis, August 4, 1789.

Mr. Hood died October 21, 1795, and is buried at North Yard in Hollis.

## JOSEPH HOOD, JUNIOR.

Joseph Hood, Jr., son of Joseph and Dorcas Hovey Hood, was born in Topsfield, November 28, 1769. He married Eleanor Woodbury, March 12, 1794. He resided in Milford until about 1840, when he removed to Deering, N. H. His wife, Eleanor, died prior to 1829, as in March of that year he married for his second wife, Dorothy Kirk of Henniker. Mr. Hood was a farmer in moderate circumstances.

His children were as follows, 22 in number, viz: Samuel, born in Milford, October 7, 1794; married Sarah Blanchard, August 27, 1820; died September 3, 1873. Betsey, born in Milford, April 24, 1796. Dorcas, born in Milford, April 13, 1798; married Timothy Blanchard, February 26, 1824. Eleanor, born in Milford, June 1, 1800; died prior to 1847. Joseph, born in Milford, July 24, 1801. Jeremiah, born in Milford, August 13, 1802; married Harriet Elkins; died November 11, 1882. Robert, born in Milford, December 14, 1803; married ——— Blood. John, born in Milford, March 2, 1805. Sarah, born in Milford, January 25, 1807; married Elisha Swington, January 31, 1844; residence Mont Vernon. Charles, born in Milford, August 14, 1808; married Elizabeth White. David, born in Milford, June 22, 1810; married Mary Ann Gilchrist. Nancy, born in Milford, March 13, 1812; married John B. Jones, March 19, 1843; died December 13, 1889. Daniel, born in Milford, November 23, 1829; married Mary Langley, January 4, 1856. Harriet, born in Milford, April 4, 1831; married Sanford George. Susan, born in Milford, March 23, 1833; married John Hunt; married second time, George Goodwin, of Hill. Andrew, born in Milford, June 14, 1835; married Martha C. Straw. Stephen, born in Milford, September 15, 1837. Hiram, born in Milford, October 25, 1839; went to sea about 1858; never heard from him. Allen R., born in Milford, April 8, 1842; married Ellen K. Keyes, May 28, 1868. Edward T., born in Milford, April 29, 1844; enlisted into the army; supposed to be killed by the

Indians. Eleanor, born in Milford, August 24, 1847; married George Tenney, September 20, 1870; residence Goffstown. John J., born in Milford, June 30, 1850.

Mr. Hood died in Amherst, June 15, 1855, in his 86th year.

## WILLIAM COLBURN, JUNIOR.

William Colburn, Jr., son of William and Margaret Wooley Colburn, was born in Billerica, Mass., in 1726. He came to West Dunstable with his father in the spring of 1738. He married Abigail Wheeler, daughter of James Wheeler, July 26, 1757, and settled at Patch Corner, one of the first settlers at this place.

Mr. Colburn was in the old French war. He was engaged in farming as was most of the early settlers. His wife, Abigail, after his death, married for second husband, Gershom Hobart of Plymouth, October 20, 1783. Mrs. Colburn was married in Plymouth, N. H.

His children were: Isabel, born in Monson, August 16, 1758; married Reuben Hobart, February 7, 1788; residence Cockermouth. Paul, born in Monson, October 4, 1761; married Mehitable Ball in 1780; residence Groton, N. H.; died February 17, 1825. William, born in Monson, June 8, 1764; married Phebe Hobart. Elias, born in Monson, 1762; married Mehitable Wheeler. Abel, born in Monson, March 2, 1767; married Elizabeth Bailey, November, 1791; residence, Groton, N. H. Peter, born in 1769.

Mr. Colburn died at his home in Hollis, February 7, 1776, age 50.

## ROBERT COLBURN, JUNIOR.

Robert Colburn, Jr., son of Lieut. Robert and Elizabeth Smith Colburn, was born in Monson, April 29, 1748. He married Dorcas Upton of Wilmington, Mass., October 6, 1772, and settled on the road leading north from Patch Corner. Mr. Colburn owned and operated a saw mill on Witch brook, a portion of the time while living here. He was, as was his father before him, a large land holder. It was said of him that he would at different times, sell off in his old age, portions of his land, and lay out the proceeds in new rum and molasses, and drink it up.

He was always behind the times, and said in Captain Patch's store at Skilteshire, that a last year's Almanac was as good as any for him, for he was always a year behind.

His children were: Dorcas, born in Hollis, October 12, 1773; married Joel How, November 26, 1807; residence Milford; died in 1862. Robert, born in Hollis, April 4, 1775; married Keziah Wright, June 11, 1799; residence Hollis; died in May, 1863. Peter, born in Hollis, October 31, 1776; married Rachel Patch, January 23, 1800; residence Milford; died January 7, 1852. Timothy, born in Hollis, August 10, 1778; married Mary Lovejoy, November 1, 1804; married second time, Rebecca Ball, January 4, 1804; married third time, Betsy Ball, October 6, 1812; died August 12, 1839. Hannah, born in Hollis, April 10, 1780; married John Kendall, February 25, 1808; residence Hebron. Anna, born in Hollis, July 31, 1781; married David Hardy, October 11, 1804. Elizabeth, born in Hollis, January 16, 1783; died February 25, 1783. Washington, born in Hollis, October 20, 1784; died July 22, 1785. Washington, born in Hollis, April 20, 1786; married ———; residence Lowell. William, born in Hollis, March 2, 1789; married Rebecca Hardy, May 14, 1810; died December 22, 1830.

Mr. Colburn died March 28, 1819, aged 71. Mrs. Dorcas, his wife, died at her daughter's, Mrs. How, in Milford, June 27, 1829.



## JOSIAH KIDDER, SENIOR.

Josiah Kidder, Sr., son of Ephraim and Abigail Frost Kidder, was born in Billerica, Mass., January 18, 1717. He was the tenth in descent from Richard Kidder, who lived in East Grainstead, Sussex Co., England, as early as 1425. Mr Kidder married Hannah Patten in 1743, and settled at farming in the town of Tewksbury, Mass. His wife, Hannah, died May 17, 1753. He married for second wife, Sarah French Kittredge in 1754, a widow of Daniel Kittredge, 3rd, and daughter of William French. Mr. Kidder removed to Monson, N. H., about May 1, 1767, and settled at a place known as Peacock village, now in the south part of Amherst.

Mr. Kidder was a cabinet-maker by trade. The family was warned out of town by the Monson Selectmen, July 21, 1767.

The children were: Josiah, Jr., born in Tewksbury in December, 1745; married ————. Hannah, born in Tewksbury in 1747. Abigail, born in Tewksbury in 1750. Dorcas, born in Tewksbury in 1751. Jonathan, born in Tewksbury in 1753. Daniel, born in Tewksbury in 1755; married Elizabeth Melenda, November 22, 1781. Sarah, born in Tewksbury in 1757. Mehitabel, born in Tewksbury in 1759. Betty, born in Tewksbury in 1761; married Richard Clark, May 3, 1786; residence Milford; died November, 1816. Susannah, born in Tewksbury in 1763.

## JOSIAH KIDDER, JUNIOR.

Josiah Kidder, Jr., son of Josiah and Hannah Patten Kidder, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., in December, 1745. He married ———, and shortly after settled in Monson, near his father's. He, too, was a cabinet-maker. He used to manufacture coffins for the people in his vicinity, at two dollars and fifty cents each, and that was all the expense relatives were put to in burying a friend in that early period of the settlement. Mr. Kidder succeeded to the homestead used to sled in his hay, as did his father before him. His name appears on a petition to the General Court of New Hampshire, to re-establish the old township of Monson, dated Amherst, May 23, 1782. This petition was signed by 40 resident citizens then living in the northern part of Hollis and southern part of Amherst. They contemplated having the middle of the town at Peacock village. The request was not granted.

His children were: Lucy, born in Amherst in 1771; married Hezekiah Kendall, November 28, 1799; died July 29, 1813. Sally, born in Amherst in 1773; married Ebenezer Nutting, January 12, 1796. ——— 1775 ———. Alice, born in Amherst in 1777; married Jonathan Spalding, Jr., in 1801; married second time, Simeon Blodgett in 1825. Josiah, 3rd, born in Amherst in 1779; married Hannah Nevins, December 19, 1809; died May 28, 1849. Jonathan, born in Amherst in 1781; married Susannah Hager, September 20, 1802.

## JONATHAN POWERS.

A veteran soldier of the old Colonial wars. Jonathan Powers, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Whitcomb Powers, was born in Littleton, Mass., October 13, 1704. He married Bridget ——— November 1, 1750, and settled in the Pine Hill section of Dunstable, near Hollis line, erecting his log hut and engaged in farming. Mr. Powers served in the old French war, in Capt. Peter Powers company, in the Crown Point expedition of 1755. In 1756, Mr. Powers enlisted into Capt. Jeduthan Balldings Company, regiment of Col. Josiah Brown, for the Crown Point expedition. He was taken sick at Lake George, got discharged with difficulty, and went to Albany. From there he traveled to Kingston and sent for a team to bring him home. He also served in the war of the Revolution in (Capt.) Dow's company, at Bunker Hill. He gave his age as sixty, when in fact he was over seventy.

His children were, as taken from family record: Lois, born in Dunstable, April 30, 1755. Bridget, born in Dunstable, March 25, 1757; married Joseph Farley, December 18, 1777; married for second husband Joseph Wheat, October 10, 1783. Jonathan, Jr., born in Dunstable, June 12, 1759; married Rebecca Woods, April 20, 1784; residence, Lancaster, Mass. Betsey, born in Dunstable, June 11, 1761; married Nathan Colburn, November 5, 1801; residence, Temple. Jerusha, born in Dunstable, September 22, 1763; married Henry Hale, January 1, 1783; residence, Dunstable. John, born in Dunstable, March 9, 1765; married Hannah Brooks, November 28, 1793; died November 6, 1815. Susannah, born in Dunstable, ——— 1768; married Jabez Youngman, March 24, 1785. David, born in Dunstable, June 4, 1770; married Polly Blanchard, November 17, 1796; married for second wife, Lydia Adams, April 30, 1807. Anna, born in Dunstable, ——— 1772. Lucy, born in Dunstable, June 24, 1775; married Jacob Woods; residence, Francestown. Jonas, born in Dunstable, January 14, 1777; married Rebecca Blood, February 28, 1799. Joseph, born in Dunstable, February

3, 1783; married Esther Spaulding of Hollis, September 22, 1803. Rebecca, born in Dunstable, April 20, 1785; married Jonathan Rideout, August 22, 1802; died Oct. 21, 1846; residence, Hollis.

Mr. Powers buried his wife, Bridget, September 21, 1763, age 34, and married for his second wife, Susannah Willoughby, November 28, 1764. She died September, 1828.

Children of Jonathan Powers as found recorded on a grave stone in the Pine Hill yard, Hollis: Hannah, born July 13, 1778; died in 1781. Noah, born June 25, 1781; died in 1785. Mehitabel, born February 2, 1787; died February 6, 1787.

## JACOB MOOAR.

Jacob Mooar, son of Daniel and Annis Stevens Mooar, was born in Dunstable, April 8, 1761. He served in the war of the Revolution, was in Capt. John Gross's company at the battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, and again in Capt. John Mill's company for three months in 1781.

Mr. Mooar married Hannah Shattuck, January 15, 1784, and settled on the hill west of Pennichuck pond, place since known as Mooar's place or Parker pasture, residing here until about 1802, when he removed to the Cassidy place. Mr. Mooar was engaged in farming and coopering. He buried his wife September 14, 1791. He married for his second wife, Dorcas Hood of Milford, May 20, 1794.

His children were: Jacob, Jr., born July 29, 1784; married Sarah Cummings, July 2, 1813. Abel, born January 25, 1786; went to sea, never heard from him after. Hannah, born October 21, 1787; married Isaac Shattuck, September 17, 1807; died April 21, 1852. Nathan, born August 12, 1789; died January, 1791. Gardner, born January 4, 1795; married Mary Hardy, June 8, 1820; died March 16, 1863. Colonel John, born August 11, 1796; married Rebecca Abbott; died March 31, 1869. Dorcas, born August 21, 1798; married James Wheeler, April 23, 1817; residence, Hollis; died August 25, 1885. Betsey, born September 7, 1800; married Jesse Hardy, November 18, 1819; residence, Hollis; died June 13, 1886. David, born April 15, 1802; married Maria Cram in 1840. Jason, born January 1, 1804; married Martha Crombe, July 17, 1833; died February 3, 1868, N. Y. Louisa, born July 28, 1806; married Daniel Wyman, December 21, 1830; residence, Hillsboro, N. H. Luke, born July 18, 1808; married ——— in 1840; residence, Covington, Ky. Sally, born July 8, 1810; married Leonard Farley, September 2, 1830; residence, Hollis; died February 28, 1881. Mark, born Feb. 23, 1813; married Charlotte Wright, May 21, 1835; married for second wife, Mrs. Sarah Ann Titus, March 11, 1852; died February 1, 1890, Cincinnati. Daniel, born May

11, 1815; married Lydia Ann Southgate, May 9, 1844; residence, Covington, Ky. He was an eminent lawyer.

Mr. Mooar died February 2, 1828. Mrs. Dorcas Mooar, his wife, died August 4, 1851, age 81.

## SAMUEL FLETCHER.

Samuel Fletcher, son of David and Mary Butterfield, was born in Westford, Mass., in 1745. He married Olive Wright of Westford, January 15, 1771, and removed to New Ipswich, N. H., in spring of 1772. Mr. Fletcher was in the war of the Revolution, having enlisted into Capt. Joseph Parker's company for Concord and Lexington, helped to drive the British back to Boston. In the spring of 1792, Mr. Fletcher bought of Thomas Emerson, the farm on Witch Brook at North Hollis so long known as the Fletcher place, residing here the remainder of his days.

An incident occurred in the life of Mr. Fletcher by which he acquired a cognomen, that he was ever after known by. One of his children being sick, the physician prescribed some squirrel broth. Mr. Fletcher replied: "Won't a rat do as well?" He was afterwards called rat Fletcher.

His children were: Samuel, Jr., born in Westford in 1771, married ———; residence, Lenster. Olive, born in New Ipswich, N. H., in 1773, married ——— Wright. Joel, born in 1775, married ———; residence, Lemster, N. H., Sally, born in New Ipswich, in 1777, married ——— Knowlton. Benjamin, born in New Ipswich, in 1780, married Abigail Kittredge, May 16, 1804; residence, Acworth, N. H. Isaac, born in New Ipswich, in 1782, married Ruth Sargent, June 15, 1809; died April 9, 1815. Amos, born in New Ipswich, in 1784, married Abigail Towns in 1812; died November 2, 1853.

Mr. Fletcher died February 5, 1822, aged 76. Buried at North Yard. Mrs. Fletcher, whom they called Granny Fletcher, died March 19, 1835. Age 86.

## JOHN DUTTON, JUNIOR.

John Dutton, Jr., son of John and Rebecca Shedd Dutton, was born in Billerica, Mass., January 16, 1751. He came to Monson prior to January, 1770, as at that time he was warned out of town by the Monson selectmen. He married Rachel Stearns, May 1, 1871, and settled north of Peacock village in Amherst. He signed the petition for re-chartering the old township of Monson in 1782. Mr. Dutton, and his two sons, Timothy and Samuel, served in the war of 1812, or the last war with Great Britain, as it was called.

At some time prior to 1830, his buildings were removed, the barn was taken down and moved to the Spalding place at North Hollis, where it was used for a barn more than sixty years.

His children were: Rachel, born August 27, 1781. Abigail, born January 2, 1783; married Jacob Abbott. John, born October 16, 1785. Frances, born March 18, 1788. Timothy, born in 1790; died in the war of 1812. Samuel, born in 1792, married Mercy Gilmore in 1824.

Mr. Dutton died January 17, 1829. His wife, Rachel, died in 1829.



## CAPTAIN ISRAEL TOWNE.

Capt. Israel Towne, a descendant of William Town of Yarmouth, Norfolk county, England, where he resided in 1620. He migrated to this country prior to 1640, and settled in Salem, but removed to Topsfield, Mass., where he died in 1672, aged about 75. Captain Towne was born in Topsfield, March 24, 1705. He married Grace Gardner, May 23, 1729, and settled in West Dunstable in the spring of 1740, on Madam Taylor's land in the Souhegan valley.

(Capt.) Towne became a large land holder, and well-to-do farmer, ancestor of many of the Milford Townes.

His children were: Thomas, born in Topsfield, in 1732, married Hannah ———. Archelaus, born in 1734, married Mary Abbott; married for second wife, Martha Abbott. Israel, Jr., born in 1736; married Lydia Hopkins; residence, Amherst and Stoddard; died April 28, 1813. Moses, born in 1738; married Mary Gray, December 3, 1761; residence, Amherst; died February 9, 1824. Gardner, born in 1741; married Abigail Hopkins; residence, Monson.

Captain Towne died in Amherst, November 22, 1791, aged 86 years and 8 months.

## CAPTAIN ARCHELAUS TOWNE.

Capt. Archelaus Towne, son of Capt. Israel and Grace Gardner Towne, was born in Topsfield, Mass., in 1734. He came to West Dunstable with his parents in 1740. He married first Mary Abbott of Methuen, Mass., a daughter of Ephraim Abbott in 1757, and soon afterward commenced tavern-keeping in Monson, at a place now known as Danforth's Corner in Amherst, where he kept the only Hotel Monson ever had, that we have any record of. Captain Towne was captain of colonial militia in this old township of Monson. He raised a company in Amherst and vicinity, and taking command of it, joined the Continental army. He was at Bunker Hill, at Bennington, in the northern campaign of 1777, and remained in the service until his death. He served the town of Monson as one of their selectmen and town clerk several years. He buried his wife about 1763, and married her youngest sister, Martha Abbott.

His children were: Sarah, born in Monson, May 23, 1758. Archelaus, Jr., born July 13, 1760; married Esther Weston, September 22, 1781. Susannah, born December 29, 1762; married Timothy Nichols, October 21, 1779; died December 22, 1840. Mary and Martha, born September 12, 1771; Mary, married Amos Dodge; Martha, married Daniel Holt.

Captain Towne died in the service at Fishkill, N. Y., in November, 1779. His wife, Martha, died in November, 1773, in Amherst.

## ELISHA TOWNE.

Elisha Towne, son of William Towne, was born in Topsfield, September 5, 1708. He married Mary Foster, of Topsfield, June 11, 1738; removed to Monson in 1748, where he and his brother, Captain Israel, had purchased land, of widow Abigail Taylor, in the Souhegan valley on which he settled.

Later in life, Mr. Towne removed to Stoddard, N. H., where he held a land grant, and subsequently went to Alstead, N. H., where he was one of the early settlers and ancestor of the Townes of that section.

His children were: Joseph, born in Topsfield, in 1739. Bartholomew, born in Topsfield, April 8, 1741. Thomas, born in Topsfield, February 8, 1743. Mercy, born in Topsfield, February 15, 1745. Sarah, born in Topsfield November 20, 1747. Elisha, born in Topsfield, May 11, 1751; died young. Samuel, born in Topsfield, August 23, 1753. Mary, born in Topsfield, July 31, 1754. Elisha, Jr., born in Topsfield, May 9, 1760.

## LIEUTENANT LEVI PARKER.

Lieut. Levi Parker, son of William and Susannah Kemp Parker, was born in Groton, Mass., June 25, 1752. He married Rebecca Fletcher, December 11, 1777, and shortly after settled in Westford, Mass., as their village blacksmith, where he became an important personage. Mr. Parker was first (Lieut.) in a company of infantry, in the war of the Revolution, was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He buried his wife, Rebecca in 1784, then married Abigail Pool of Hollis, a daughter of William Pool, June 12, 1785, and about twenty years later, removed to Hollis, N. H., and settled at Patch Corner, where he set up blacksmithing. Subsequently this became quite a business place; a little village of a dozen farm houses, one store, Captain Patch's, one school house, one shoe shop, one cider-mill, and several cooper-shops. Here was the centre of trade for North Hollis, here was where the drum corps met, the Hollis old fifth Company on Infantry met here for drill.

His children were: Levi, born in Westford in 1778; married Betsey Wright, September 22, 1803; residence, Charlestown. Billie, born in Westford in 1780; died young. George, born in 1783; adopted by Isaac Wright of Dunstable, Mass., name changed to Wright when about 21; married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Deacon Samuel Taylor of Dunstable. James, born in Westford, in 1787; married Betsey Wright, December 28, 1813, who died September 5, 1825; married for second wife, Susan Wood, July 13, 1827. Luther, born in 1789. Calvin, born in 1790; died in 1790. Betsey, born in 1792.

Mr. Parker died September 5, 1825.

## JOSIAH PARKER, SENIOR.

Josiah Parker, Sr., was born in 1722, a descendant of the distinguished (Deacon) Thomas Parker of Wiltshire, England, who came over in the ship, Susan Ellen, in 1635, and settled in Lynn, Mass. His settlement here became the original homestead of the Parker family, and remained in their possession until 1822. Josiah Parker was a veteran of the old colonial war, having served in a company under the command of Colonel Joseph Blanchard, employed to scout and guard the inhabitants of the Merrimac river valley, against Indian invasion in 1755, from August 23, to November 16. Mr. Parker married Hannah Parkis, in June, 1754, settled in Reading and engaged in farming. He removed from Reading to Monson, N. H., in 1763, and settled on the Lieut. Benjamin Farley place, since known as the Parker place at North Hollis. Here he continued farming, acquiring a large landed estate which was originally included within the Timothy Rogers grant. Mr. Parker became a well-to-do farmer, and a respected citizen of the town.

His children were: Hannah, born in Reading, in 1756; died young. Lydia, born in Reading, in 1758; married David French, March 5, 1778; residence, Bedford, N. H.; died April 8, 1793. Josiah, Jr., born in Reading, May 8, 1760; married Sarah Spalding, November 29, 1792; she died in 1803; married for second wife, Abigail Peacock. Sarah, born in ——— 1762; married Jesse Worcester, in June, 1782; residence, Hollis; died April 1, 1847. Hannah, born in Monson in 1765; married Francis Worcester, Jr., February 10, 1785; married for second wife, Moody Cooke; residence, Plymouth. Captain Isaac, born March 3, 1769; married Olive Abbott, February 6, 1794; residence, homestead; died December 2, 1857.

Josiah Parker died at his home October 21, 1800, in the 79th year of his age. Mrs. Hannah Parker, his widow, died January 3, 1825; age 95. Buried in church yard.

## JOSIAH PARKER, JUNIOR.

Josiah Parker, Jr., son of Josiah and Hannah Parkis Parker, was born in Reading, Mass., May 8, 1760. He came to Monson with his parents in the spring of 1763. He married Sarah Spalding, daughter of Rev. Samson Spalding of Tewksbury, Mass., November 29, 1792. He resided at the Jeremiah K. Needham place near Pennichuck pond at North Hollis. In an evil moment Mr. Parker entangled in an ugly, and very disagreeable law suit, from which to extricate himself, he brought suit in the courts, and as no one appeared against him, the case was not pressed; this took the matter from the court.

Mr. Parker buried his wife, Sarah, October 28, 1803, and married for his second wife, Miss Abigail Peacock of Amherst, a daughter of William Peacock, in 1804. Mr. Parker resided a portion of the time at Pine Hill, in Hollis, and in the east part of Amherst.

His children were: Abigail, born in Hollis, October 6, 1804; married Nathan Jewett, March 12, 1829; died August 7, 1831. Josiah M., born in Hollis, September 19, 1805. Sarah, born in Hollis, October 25, 1806; died June 9, 1861, aged 55. Hannah, born in Hollis, March 31, 1808; married Nathan Dane. Thomas B., born October 15, 1810; married Mary Hildreth. Lydia W., born June 20, 1812; married Peltiah Fletcher; died March 17, 1904.

Mr. Parker died in Amherst, September 29, 1845, aged 85.

## CAPTAIN ISAAC PARKER.

Capt. Isaac Parker, son of Josiah, Sr., and Hannah Parks Parker, was born in Monson, March 2, 1769. He married Olive Abbott of Milford, February 6, 1794, and succeeded to the homestead, engaged in agricultural pursuits, at North Hollis. He raised as much rye as any man in Southern New Hampshire, raising over two hundred bushels to sell in 1814, carrying it to Amherst, where he received, two dollars and twenty-five cents a bushel. Mr. Parker was a large land holder, and was considered one of the wealthy farmers of his day.

He was quite prominent in military affairs. He was captain of the old infantry company in Hollis about 1804. Mr. Parker rode up on the king post at the raising of Hollis meeting-house in 1804. It was mainly through his influence and effort that the church and society were established at South Merrimac.

His children were: Olive, born June 27, 1795; married Jeremiah K. Needham, April 18, 1816. Hannah, born May 29, 1797; died November 2, 1816, age 19. Achsah, born June 24, 1799; married John B. Hill, August 29, 1829. Isaac, born April 12, 1801; died August 20, 1813, aged 12. John, born July 30, 1803; married Mary Ann Gould, April 17, 1828.

Mr. Parker died December 22, 1857, aged 88. Mrs. Olive, his wife, died January 2, 1862, aged 89.

## ISAAC COBBETT.

Isaac Cobbett, son of ———, was born in Londonderry in 1776. He married Achsah ———, in 1801, and removed from Derry to Hollis, settling at the French place on Witch brook, at North Hollis, where he repaired the mill so long known as the Cobbett Mill, and engaged in carding wool and fulling cloth. In those days the farmers all kept sheep, and raised their own wool. Mr. Cobbett's mill was well patronized; nearly the whole population then wore home spun goods.

Mr. Cobbett was somewhat eccentric, in that he would go through the neighborhood with his account book under his arm ostensibly to collect his bills, but really to get a mug of cider at each house. He carried on the carding business here, from 1801 to 1820, when he removed to Greenfield, N. H., and settled south of the village, on the David Patterson land, where he built a mill, and continued the carding and fulling business.

His children were: Achsah, born in Hollis, February 10, 1803; died same day. Isaac, born in Hollis, November 15, 1804. Lewis, born in Hollis. Achsah, born in Hollis. Clarissa, born in Hollis, May 18, 1809.



## ABIJAH WOOD.

Abijah Wood, son Stephen and Lydia Phillips Wood, was born in Dracut, Mass., in 1743. He married Esther Lewis of Billerica, Mass., March 22, 1764. She was born May 28, 1744, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Jaquith Lewis. Mr. Wood served in the war of the revolution, enlisting into the Lexington company under command of Captain John Parker, was in the fight of April 19, 1775. When Major Pitcarn with the British troops rode up to Lexington common, Captain Parker told his men to stand their ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have war, let it begin here. Mr. Wood resided in Dracut until about 1800, when he removed to Hollis, N. H., and residing with his son, Hiram, until Hiram died in 1816, at the General French place; then with his son, Philip, in his old age.

His children were: Esther, born in Dracut in 1766; married ——— Farwell; residence, Tyngsboro. Rhoda, born in Dracut in 1768; married Jesse Hardy in 1793; residence, Hollis; died December 8, 1810. Sybil, born in ———, 1771; died by drowning at the age of 14. Mary, born in Dracut in 1774; married David Willoby, March 17, 1796; died April 15, 1851. Sally, born in Dracut in 1776; married Benjamin Barron, June 9, 1796. Hiram, born in Dracut in 1779; married Elizabeth Cheever in 1799; residence, Hollis; died March 5, 1816. Deacon Philip, born January 14, 1781; married Dorothy Davis, February 3, 1801; residence, Hollis; died January 14, 1857, age 76. Lewis, born December 24, 1783; married Mary Flint in 1805; residence, Hollis; died July 16, 1835, age 51.

Mrs. Esther, wife of Abijah Wood, died September 24, 1819, age 75. Mr. Abijah Wood, died September 25, 1819, aged 76. Buried in North Yard, Hollis, New Hampshire.

Benjamin Wood, of Amesbury, England, married Mary Paten and emigrated to this country in 1635, and settled in New Bedford, Mass. He had a son, Stephen, who was the father of Stephen here in mention.

## CAPTAIN EBENEZER KENDALL, JUNIOR.

Capt. Ebenezer and Hannah Hasey Kendall, was born in Woburn, Mass., October 5, 1736. He married Martha Walton of Reading, February, 1762, and soon removed to Hollis, N. H., and settled in the east part of the town, where he resided several years. Little is known of him except of his being engaged in ordinary farming, while living in Hollis. He removed to Plymouth, N. H., before the Revolution, about the year 1773. He was taxed as a non-resident in Plymouth, N. H., from 1779 to 1791. Capt. Kendall's father, Lieut. Ebenezer Kendall, was a descendant of the emigrant ancestor, Francis Kendall, who came from England, prior to 1640, and shortly after settled in Woburn, Mass.

He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston, and was a lieutenant in the Indian wars.

Capt. Kendall's children were: Ebenezer, Jr., born in Hollis, May 11, 1765. Martha, born in Hollis, June 26, 1767. John W., born in Hollis, December 16, 1769; married for second wife Hannah Colburn, February 25, 1808; residence, Hebron. Hasey, born in Hollis, June 2, 1772; married Elsie Morey ———; residence, Hebron, N. H.; died May 4, 1825.

(Capt.) Kendall died in Hebron, November 2, 1802.

Mr. Kendall resided in Hebron after its incorporation, June 15, 1792.

## HEZEKIAH KENDALL.

Hezekiah Kendall, Jr., son of Hezekiah and Patience Kendall, was born in Wilmington, Mass., October 15, 1766, a twin brother of Enoch Kendall. He married Abigail Marshall, a daughter of Isaac Marshall, of Billerica, November 1, 1792, and immediately moved to North Hollis, settling at Janothan Danforth Mill. This place in after years became known as Kendall Mills. This property he had purchased in October, 1791, by the aid of Isaac Marshall. Mr. Kendall dug the canal and built the saw-mill about 1800. He was a bold, out-spoken man of positive ideas. He took a great interest in national and state affairs. He was an ardent Democrat of the John Randolph and Tom Benton school. "I vum!" he would say, "they are for everlastingly quarreling there in Congress." Mr. Kendall buried his wife, September 11, 1799, and married for his second wife, Lucy Kidder, of Amherst, November 28, 1799. She died July 29, 1813, age 42. He subsequently married a widow, Mrs. Read, of Pepperell.

His children were: Abigail, born in Hollis, August 26, 1793; married Israel Cram, July 9, 1818; residence, Lyndeboro. Hezekiah, Jr., born in Hollis, January, 1796; served in war in 1812; residence, in northern New York. Anne, born in Hollis, August, 1799; was drowned July 31, 1802. Infant, born in Hollis, August 14, 1800; died same day. Luther, born in Hollis, May 15, 1802; married Esther Kittredge in 1827. Lucy, born in Hollis, March 15, 1804; died unmarried at Lowell. Willard, born in Hollis, January 7, 1806; married Nancy Peacock, August 25, 1831. Walter, born in Hollis, July 11, 1808; died while young. Alice, born in Hollis, ———, 1810; died unmarried at Lowell.

Mr. Kendall was killed by Rufus Orcutt, March 28, 1833, age 67. Mr. Orcutt was in liquor at the time Mr. Kendall duned him for house rent.

## LUTHER KENDALL.

Luther Kendall, son of Hezekiah and Lucy Kidder Kendall, was born in Hollis, May 15, 1802. He married Esther Kittredge, daughter of Daniel Kittredge of Marrimac in August, 1827, and settled at the Cobbett place on Witch Brook, at North Hollis. He carried on the carding and fulling business in connection with his cabinet trade here until 1832, when he removed to East Wilton, and engaged in carrying on a grist Mill, June 4, 1842, he removed to Hardwick, Vt., on to a farm he had purchased containing a large amount of wood and timber.

Mr. Kendall worked at cabinet trade while living in Hollis. I have in my possession several articles of furniture of his manufacture. He resided at Hardwick during the remainder of his life.

His children were: John Willard, born in Hollis, March 12, 1828. Daniel Walter, born in Hollis, May 4, 1829. Lucy Ann, born in Hollis, June 5, 1830. Mary Jane, born in Hollis, February 10, 1832. Jackson Miller, born in Wilton, May 12, 1834.

Mr. Kendall died at Hardwick, September 7, 1875. He was buried at Montpelier. Mrs. Kendall died at Bloomington, Neb., February 26, 1891; buried in Montpelier.

## WILLARD KENDALL.

Willard Kendall, son of Hezekiah and Lucy Kidder Kendall, was born in Hollis, January 7, 1806. He assisted his father in the work about the mills in his minority. He married Nancy Peacock, daughter of William Peacock, Jr., of Amherst, August 25, 1831, and settled on the homestead estate, on Witch Brook, at North Hollis, building a house at the foot of sand hill, now occupied by Maria Hill. He remained here until spring of 1836, when he purchased a farm in the west part of Milford, N. H., and removed there where he spent most of his days. While living in Hollis, he was an ardent Andrew Jackson Democrat; but after moving to Milford, I think in the Presidential campaign of 1840, he became a zealous Whig, and later a Liberty Party man. Mr. Kendall was the last of his family to leave Hollis. The Kendalls maintained a reputation for fairness and honesty in all their dealings throughout the forty odd years in which they were doing business here.

His children were: Huldah Ann, born in Hollis, October 29, 1832; married Joel W. Hamblet, January 5, 1854; residence, Milford. Carrie Sarah, born in Hollis, December 10, 1834; married Daniel W. Burns, December 25, 1860; residence, Milford. Nancy Jane, born August 20, 1836; married Abel Fisk, December 15, 1865; residence, Vineland, N. J. Lucy Maria, born in Milford, April 13, 1838; died June 18, 1861. William P., born in Milford, August 19, 1841; died in Beaufort, S. C., Aug. 19, 1862. Albert Freeman, born in Milford, February 5, 1844; married Cora Temple, February 9, 1873; residence, Vineland.

Mr. Kendall died in Milford, April 9, 1886, age 80. Mrs. Kendall died in Groton, Mass., September 16, 1883.

## WILLIAM KITTREDGE, SENIOR.

William Kittredge, Sr., son Daniel 3rd and Sarah French Kittredge, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., January 29, 1747. He married Abigail ——— in 1771, and settled in Tewksbury. He served in the war of the Revolution from Tewksbury. Mr. Kittredge resided here until about 1782, when he removed to Goffstown, N. H., where he had come into possession of a tract of wild land. He cleared off a portion and erected his log hut, remaining here until the fall of 1794, when he exchanged farms with Abraham Leeman of North Hollis, a place near Kendall Mills.

Mr. Kittredge and Mr. Leeman traded places even, real estate personal property and all one object he had in view in coming to Hollis was to live near his kinsman, Hezekiah Kendall.

His children were: William, Jr., born in Tewksbury, in 1772; married Mary Spalding, September, 1796; residence, Hollis; died October 16, 1847. Kendall, born in Tewksbury, in 1774; married Sally Whiting, September 19, 1797. Daniel, born in Tewksbury in 1776; married Esther Foster; residence, Merrimac. Baninmin, born in Tewksbury in 1778; married Rebecca Farwell; residence, Merrimac. Abigail, born in Tewksbury, in 1790; married Benjamin Fletcher, May 16, 1804; residence, Acworth.

Mr. Kittredge died October 18, 1815, age 68. He was buried in the North Yard, Hollis. Mrs. Abigail, his wife, whom they called Granny Kittredge, died October 19, 1843, aged 93.

## WILLIAM KITTREDGE, JUNIOR.

William Kittredge, Jr., son of William and Abigail Kittredge, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., in August, 1772. He went to Goffstown with his parents when about ten years old, and removed to Hollis with them in the Autumn of 1794, and settled at the Abraham Leeman place at North Hollis. Mr. Kittredge married Mary Spalding, daughter of Jonathan Spalding in September, 1796. It was said that he went courting barefoot, wearing his leather apron. He succeeded to the homestead, taking care of his father and mother. Mr. Kittredge was always in moderate circumstances and somewhat addicted to drinking ardent spirit, as he called it. He would sell off small pieces of real estate to furnish means of subsistence, and say that he was going onto the town honorably.

His children were: Mary, born in Hollis, July 19, 1797; died young. William, born in Hollis, January 10, 1800; died young. Abel, born in Hollis, January 7, 1802; died September 11, 1825, at Londonderry. Abial, born in Hollis, in 1804; killed by the falling of a tree in 1808. Achsah, born in Hollis in 1806; died young. Ralph Dana, born in Hollis, September 12, 1807; died suddenly September 11, 1841. Esther, born in Hollis, ———, 1810; died young. Abiel, born in Hollis, ———, 1813; died young.

Mr. Kittredge died October 16, 1847, age 75; buried in North yard. Mrs. Mary, his wife, died August 29, 1850. Aged 75. Buried in North Yard.



## JONATHAN SPALDING, SENIOR.

Jonathan Spalding, son of Rev. Samson and Mehitable Hunt Spalding, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., September 15, 1747. He married Mary Marshall, daughter of Thomas and Mary Marshall, of Tewksbury, February 11, 1771. He was engaged in farming and milling. He served in the war of the Revolution, in Captain Brown's company, April 19, 1775, in the Concord and Lexington fight. He purchased part of the Spalding place of Samuel Leeman, Jr., at North Hollis, N. H., under date of January 5, 1775, and removed to Hollis in May, 1775, where he carried on a saw-mill with Jonathan Lund. He removed to Wilton, N. H., in the spring of 1794. He had two sisters residing at Wilton.

His children were: Abiel, born in Tewksbury, September 14, 1771; married Susannah Marshall, September 21, 1797; residence, Hollis and Vermont; died December 8, 1861, age 90. Abel, born in Tewksbury, November 27, 1773; married Rebecca Ober, ———— 11, 1799; residence, Hollis and Milford; died July 5, 1856; age 83. Mary, born in Hollis, N. H., August 24, 1775; married William Kittredge, September, 1796; residence, Hollis; died July 29, 1850; age 75. Ann, born in Hollis, November 30, 1777; married James Hutchingson, September 24, 1824; residence, Wilton; died August 31, 1860, age 83. Jonathan, Jr., born in Hollis, October 29, 1779; married Alice Kidder in '18; residence, Hollis and Wilton; died November 9, 1819, age 40. Asaph, born in Hollis, August 2, 1782; married Abiah Bowers, March 8, 1807; residence, Hollis and Peterboro; died September 12, 1873, age 91. Hannah, born in Hollis, September 14, 1784; married Joseph Colburn, August 29, 1824; residence, Milford; died July 7, 1842, age 58. Loammi, born in Hollis, August 22, 1786; married Ednah Shedd, April 6, 1811; married for second wife, Esther Wright; residence, Hollis and Temple, N. H. Achsah, born in Hollis, September 2, 1788; married John Kimball, November 26, 1829; residence, Temple; died in 1878, age 90. Samson, born in Hollis, August 14, 1790; married Ruth Ball,



June 27, 1814; residence, Wilton. Mehitable, born in Hollis, August 14, 1790; died July 10, 1833, unmarried; residence, Wilton, age 43. John, born in Hollis, October 18, 1792; married Eunice S. Russell, June 4, 1817; residence, Mason; died November 9, 1837. Lucinda, born in Hollis, March 11, 1794; married Oliver Shattuck, March 9, 1842; residence, Vermont; died in 1886, age 92.

Mr. Spalding died in Wilton, September 30, 1832, age 85. Mrs. Mary Spalding, his wife, died in Wilton in 1839, age 89.

The official evidence that Jonathan Spalding served in the war for Independence is to be found in the revised edition of the Spalding Memorial, pages 175 and 1023.

## ABIEL SPALDING.

Abiel Spalding, son of Jonathan, Sr., and Mary Marshall Spalding, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., September 14, 1771. He came to Hollis with his parents in May, 1775, and remained with them during his minority and succeeded to the old homestead situated in the Witch Brook valley at North Hollis, upon his father's removal to Wilton in the spring of 1794. Mr. Spalding married Susannah Marshall, September 21, 1797. He continued to reside at the old homestead until about 1802, when he removed to what has been known as the Stephen Lovejoy place, near Wheeler Village, in Hollis, or as it was called the Depo in Shabkin. He sold this farm to his brothers Asaph and Jonathan, Jr., in 1817. He soon after removed to Derry, or Londonderry, Vermont, where he purchased a large farm, within the confines of the Green Mountains, residing here during the rest of his life. Mr. Spalding was a strong Jeffersonian Republican.

His children were: Susannah, born May 4, 1798; married Jonas Keyes ———; residence, Tyngsborough, Mass. Abiel, born November 22, 1799, in Hollis, at the old homestead; died young. Elizabeth, born January 4, 1801; married Jefferson French, February 9, 1826; residence, Holliston, Mass. Leonard, born March 14, 1802; married Sarah W. Lawrence, February 2, 1826; residence, Somerville, Mass.; died February 3, 1863. Sophia, born January 20, 1804; married George Waite, July 3, 1839; residence, Londonderry, Vt. Jonathan, born March 29, 1805. Asaph, born February 28, 1807; died unmarried; residence, Homestead, Vt. Joel Rodney, born February 12, 1809; succeeded to the homestead in Londonderry, Vt.; died October 15, 1860. Elbridge Gerry, born August 25, 1810; married Dorcas Goodridge, May 10, 1835; residence, Nashua, N. H., died October 15, 1860. Anna, born June 24, 1812; married John Pond ———; residence, Athol, Mass. Charles, born March 11, 1814; died young. Abiel, born September 10, 1816. John, born October 7, 1818; died young.

Mr. Spalding died in Derry or Londonderry, Vt., December 8, 1861, aged 90. The children were all born in Hollis.

## ABEL SPALDING.

Abel Spalding, son of Jonathan, Sr., and Mary Marshall, was born in Tewksbury, November 27, 1773. He came to Hollis with his parents in May, 1775. He married Rebecca Ober, a daughter of Samuel Ober, October 11, 1799. He was a farmer, and continued to reside at the old place at North Hollis, until the spring of 1809, when he removed to Milford, N. H., where he continued to reside the remainder of his days. He was engaged in farming on one of those nice farms of Milford.

Mr. Spalding was always a supporter of Whig principles, an adherent of Henry Clay, and brought his boys up well grounded in the faith.

His children were: Abel, Jr., born in Hollis, April 23, 1800; married Hannah D. King, February 20, 1823; died May 28, 1877. Rebecca, born in Hollis, March 5, 1802; married Frederick Crosby, November 22, 1825; died May 6, 1828. Ira, born in Hollis, July 28, 1804; married Adaline N. S. Fullerton, April 27, 1831; died April 11, 1856. Lucinda, born in Hollis, August 19, 1806; married John Smith, Jr., September 14, 1826; residence, Milford; died April 9, 1829. Eri, born in Hollis, February 20, 1809; married Almira Spalding, March 5, 1835; residence, Peterboro; died December 24, 1884. Samuel, born in Milford, June 11, 1811; married Mary Wrught, September 7, 1834; residence, Nashua; died January 10, 1864. Mary, born in Milford, November 5, 1813; died October 11, 1814.

Mr. Spalding died in Milford, July 6, 1856. Mrs. Rebecca Spalding, his wife, died July 15, 1859.

## JONATHAN SPALDING, JUNIOR.

Jonathan Spalding, Jr., son of Jonathan and Mary Marshall Spalding, was born in Hollis, October 29, 1779. He married Alice Kidder ———, and succeeded to the old homestead on Witch Brook at North Hollis, carrying on for several years, in company with Jonathan Lund, the saw-mill at the old Spalding place. Politically he was an adherent of old John Adams, and a supporter of Federal principles generally and wore the party insignia, the cockade, on his hat. This had the effect to bring on a political discussion with the other members of his family, who out of fourteen in number only one other was of like political persuasion. Mr. Spalding resided at the old homestead until August, 1810, when he removed to Wilton, N. H., to care for his parents.

His children were: Alice, born in Hollis ———; married Jonathan Clifford, Dec. 19, 1832; residence, Plymouth. Jonathan K., born ———. Jane, born ———. Asa, born ———.

Mr. Spalding died in Wilton, November 9, 1819, aged 40. Mrs. Alice Kidder Spalding, widow of Jonathan, Jr., married for her second husband, Simeon Blodgett, in 1825, of Plymouth, N. H., and removed there. Mr. Blodgett died in Plymouth, January 15, 1829, and his widow Alice, married Jonathan Cummings, November 13, 1834, for her third husband. She died March 27, 1844.

## ASAPH SPALDING.

Asaph Spalding, son of Jonathan and Mary Marshall Spalding, was born in Hollis, August 2, 1782. He married Abiah Bowers of Dracut, Mass., March 8, 1807. He learned the coopers' trade and while young worked at his trade in Cambridge Port, in Portland, Maine, and Eastport, Maine, Mosquito Harbor and Harbley-Tong in the British possessions. Later he worked for his uncle, John Marshall of Chelmsford, where Lowell now is, making beef and rum barrels, residing there until the spring of 1808, when he returned to his native homestead at North Hollis. Here he carried on coopering, farming and hop raising. He raised as much rye as any one in this section. He was well versed in the art of pigeon catching. His was the first artificial trout pond made in Hollis.

Mr. Spalding sold the old Spalding homestead to William Butterfield in 1848, and removed to Danforth Corner, residing here until 1850, when he removed to Peterboro, N. H., where he resided until 1872. He then came back to Hollis, and resided the remainder of his days.

His children were: Asaph Summer, born in Lowell, September 13, 1807; married Hannah Colburn, April 14, 1830; died August 13, 1885. Sarah Ann, born in Hollis, December 4, 1808; died unmarried at Lowell, November 5, 1844. Almira, born in Hollis, May 22, 1811; married Eri Spalding, March 5, 1835; residence, Peterboro. Achsah, born in Hollis, January 14, 1814; married Warren D. Searles, April 10, 1838; residence, Nashua. John Bowers, born in Hollis, May 25, 1816; died August 16, 1816; buried in North Yard. Herbert, born in Hollis, February 13, 1817; died December 3, 1834. Buried in North Yard. Mary, born in Hollis, September 20, 1820; died unmarried in Temple, July 6, 1879. Charles, born in Hollis, November 28, 1824; died July 20, 1825.

Mrs. Asaph Spalding died in Peterboro, June 6, 1864. Mr. Asaph Spalding died in Hollis, September 12, 1873, age 92.

## LOAMMI SPALDING.

Loammi Spalding, son of Jonathan, Sr., and Mary Marshall Spalding, was born in Hollis, August 22, 1786. He went to Wilton with his parents in 1794. He married Ednah Shedd, April 6, 1811, and settled at the old Spalding homestead at North Hollis. He engaged in farming, raising large crops of rye on those pine plains, which he found ready sale for, during the war of 1812 and '14. Mr. Spalding buried his wife, March 19, 1816, and selling his undivided half of the old homestead to his brother, Samson, he removed to Temple, N. H., and settled on one of those side-hill farms at the base of Temple mountain, where he resided the remainder of his life. He married Esther Wright of Hollis, May 6, 1817, who died February 10, 1818. Mr. Spalding married for his third wife in 1820, Esther Marshall, of Jaffrey, N. H. Mr. Spalding was of the old school, a typical New Englander.

His children were: Jacob S., born in Hollis, August 24, 1811; married Mary W. Taylor, August 24, 1841. Mark N., born in Hollis, October 22, 1812; married Hannah W. Taylor, November 15, 1842. Loammi B., born in Hollis, February 9, 1814; died August 28, 1817. Ednah S., born in Hollis, February 14, 1816; died April 29, 1816. Ednah E., born in Temple, February 6, 1818; married Samuel M. Merriam; residence, Mason. Jonathan M., born in Temple, August 4, 1821; married Abby F. French, January 27, 1852.

## EDWARD SPALDING.

Edward Spalding, a grandson of that Puritanical old New Englander, Deacon Andrew Spalding, and a son of Benoni and Rebekah Spalding, was born in Billerica, Mass., May 8, 1727, residing here until after his marriage with Susannah Crosby, of Billerica, January 1, 1750, when he removed to Hollis, N. H., in 1775, settling in the east part of the town, near the Poor Farm place. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In his religious views, he was an ultra Calvinistic Baptist, and objected to supporting Orthodox preaching. In this state of mind he induced the selectmen to insert an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting of 1785: To see if the town would abate his minister tax, etc. The town's action on the article was, that we will not abate Mr. Spalding's minister tax, in the past, present or the future. Mr. Spalding's two sons, Jacob and Enoch, were soldiers in the war of the Revolution.

His children were all born in Billerica as follows: Susannah, born March 15, 1753; married Nathaniel Rideout, January 18, 1776. Jacob, born May 19, 1756; married Esther Shedd, ———, in 1782. Rhoda, born November 27, 1758; married Thomas Jaquith, December 25, 1776. Enoch, born November 29, 1761. Sarah, born February 13, 1767; married James Rideout, Jr., December 26, 1785.



## SILAS SPALDING, SENIOR.

Silas Spalding, Sr., son of Colonel Simeon and Sarah Fletcher Spalding, was born in Chelmsford, Mass., October 30, 1746. He married Sybil Pierce, daughter of Benjamin Pierce, of Chelmsford, and sister of Gov. Benjamin Pierce of Hillsboro, N. H., January 8, 1775, and resided in Chelmsford until 1778, when he removed to Hollis, N. H., settling on the Onesephrus Marsh place, north of Samuel Hayden's. Mr. Spalding was a well-to-do farmer, also carrying on hard wood coopering to some extent, freighting his barrels to Boston with an ox team, as was the custom in those days, carrying provisions enough to last the round trip. He built the house now on the premises in 1810. Tradition says that his four coopers in the shop earned money enough to meet the expense of building the house.

His children were as follows: Sybil, born in Chelmsford, February 14, 1776; married Thaddeus Wheeler, Jr., November 13, 1800; died November 26, 1849. Sally, born in Chelmsford, March 8, 1777; married Josiah Blood, January 12, 1801; died December 29, 1836. Captain Silas, Jr., born in Hollis, May 20, 1779; married Dorcas Chandler, November 27, 1806; died April 6, 1828. Infant son, born in Hollis, March 18, 1781; died same day. Simeon, born in Hollis, February 7, 1782; married Hannah Dow, February 2, 1814; died December 28, 1839. Rebecca, born in Hollis, April 10, 1785; married Charles Eastman, April 8, 1804; married for second husband, Josiah Blood; died October 24, 1841. Esther, born in Hollis, January 30, 1787; married Jonathan T. Wheeler, June 7, 1809.

Mr. Spalding died March 7, 1827, age 80. Buried in North Yard. Mrs. Sybil Spalding died November 6, 1834. Age 88. Buried in North Yard.



## CAPTAIN SILAS SPALDING, JUNIOR.

Capt. Silas Spalding, son of Silas and Sybil Pierce Spalding, was born in Hollis, May 30, 1779. He remained with his father during his minority. He married Dorcas Chandler, November 27, 1806, and succeeded to the homestead, where he was engaged in farming and coopering, making hard wood barrels, and teaming them to Boston with an ox team as was the custom. Mr. Spalding was prominent in military affairs, and was captain of the Hollis Infantry company of the State militia. He was a man of influence, a consistent and ardent Jackson Democrat and a large land holder. He built the house that is now (1909) standing on the premises in connection with his father.

His children were: Silas, 3rd, born in Hollis, September 15, 1807; married Lucinda Wood, November 17, 1830. Stillman, born in Hollis, January 18, 1809; married Anna Holden, November 24, 1835; died April 16, 1894. Sally, born in Hollis, January 18, 1810; died May 10, 1812. John B., born in Hollis, January 8, 1813; died May 17, 1821. Andrew J., born in Hollis, July 8, 1815; married Mary Ann Wheeler, February 6, 1844; died May 11, 1857. Simeon A., born in Hollis, May 17, 1817; married Katherine P. Sawtelle, December 20, 1847; killed by the Indians in California, September 13, 1854. Jones, born June 20, 1820; died unmarried October 5, 1841. John, born in Hollis, May 21, 1822; died November 29, 1822.

Mr. Spalding died April 16, 1828, age 49. His widow, Dorcas Spalding, married Capt. Josiah Blood, April 26, 1838; residence, Hollis. She died May 20, 1841, age 62.

## SILAS SPALDING, 3RD.

Silas Spalding, 3rd, son of Captain Silas and Dorcas Chandler Spalding, was born in Hollis, September 15, 1807. He worked on his father's farm, learned the coopers' trade, etc., in his young days. He married Lucinda Wood, November 17, 1831, and succeeded to the homestead where he carried on farming and coopering to some extent. He had a large orchard, also had an old style cider-mill on the premises which was well patronized by his neighbors. He was appointed ensign in the fifth company of infantry, in Hollis of the State militia, April 20, 1830, and resigned that position January 15, 1835, saying that he had held a commission long enough to free him from military duty, and that he wouldn't stay longer to keep others back.

Mr. Spalding's wife, Lucinda, died September 25, 1844. He shortly after sold the old homestead to Josiah Hayden, and after a few years' residence at Patch Corner, went to Milford, N. H., where he engaged in coopering. He married a Miss ——— Wright. He built a house, resided here several years and then removed to Groton, Mass., to a farm, where he died.

His children were: Silas M., Martin and Jones.

## COLONEL STILLMAN SPALDING.

Col. Stillman Spalding, son of Captain Silas and Dorcas Chandler Spalding was born in Hollis, January 18, 1809. He learned the coopers' trade while young, making hard wood casks and freighting them to Boston with an ox-team as was then the custom. In after years he made as many as nine hard wood half barrels from the rough in a day. Mr. Spalding married Ann Holden, November 24, 1835, and settled in Hollis, on the Nashua road, half a mile east of the meeting house. He was a man of influence in town affairs, serving the town as moderator at times between the years of 1845 and —, was one of the selectmen in 1853. He taught several terms of singing-school in town and was chorister at the Congregational church for a time.

Mr. Spalding was prominent in militia affairs, was captain of the Hollis Stark Grenadiers, a light infantry company of State militia, and commanded that company at the famous Hardscrabble muster of September 5, 1838. He was chosen major of the old 5th Regiment the next spring, holding this position under Col. John Eyers until 1841, when he was appointed colonel of the regiment, which office he held until 1846. Mr. Spalding was one of those 49ers, who caught the California gold fever, sailed around Cape Horn, obtained gold and returned late in 1852. He went to California several times after this.

His children were: Frances Ann, born in Hollis, December 18, 1836; married first, Samuel K. Rich, June 28, 1855; married for second husband, Henry H. Heuse, February 11, 1867. Henry S., born March 20, 1841; married Evy Wheeler, December 8, 1870. Winslow J., born March 19, 1843; married Elizabeth Pool. Elizabeth J., born September 11, 1845; married Henry G. Hildreth, November 25, 1868. John N. W., born July 11, 1848; married Hattie M. Wheeler, December 8, 1876. Clara A., born December 8, 1853; married Theodore Brown, March 11, 1875.

Mr. Spalding died ——— in 1894, age 85.

## CAPTAIN ASAPH SPALDING.

Capt. Asaph Spalding, son of Asaph and Abiah Bowers Spalding, was born in Chelmsford, where Lowell now is, September 13, 1807. He came with his parents who settled at the Spalding place at North Hollis, March 31, 1808, and always resided in Hollis. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Hannah Colburn, April 14, 1830, and became part owner of the old homestead; learned the art of pigeon-catching and helped to build the first artificial trout pond in Hollis.

Mr. Spalding was quite prominent in military affairs, was Lieutenant of the old 5th Company of Infantry in Hollis, under command of Captain Varnum Wheeler at the Hardscrabble muster of September, 1838, and succeeded Mr. Wheeler the next year as captain of that company, which office he held until March 4, 1841. This was during the time that John Eyers was colonel of the regiment.

His children were: Charles Sumner, born in Hollis, December 23, 1830; married Mercion Barton, June 30, 1863. Hannah Maria, born in Hollis, August 18, 1832; married first Nelson E. Beckwith, September 13, 1858; married for second husband, Charles E. Cooke, May 13, 1869. Achsah Sophia, born December 30, 1834; married Albert S. Powers, January 3, 1856; residence, Nashua; died, 1894. Sarah Lucinda, born June 25, 1839; married John A. Powers, February 1, 1862; residence Milford. Andrew Herbert, born April 23, 1841; married first Mary L. Bouteille, October 9, 1861; married for second wife, Mrs. Mary Holden, June 17, 1795. Rachel Maryetta, born February 25, 1844; died December 21, 1845.

Mr. Spalding died of paralysis, August 13, 1885, aged 78. Mrs. Hannah Spalding, his wife, died April 7, 1899, aged 91.

Mr. Spalding removed to the Bailey district, in the west part of the town, April 9, 1845.

## EDWARD TAYLOR.

Edward Taylor, a native of Brattles End, Dunstable, was born about 1725. He assisted his parents in his youth, as did most boys in those early colonial days. He married Mary ——— about 1746, and about 1748, settled in Hollis at a point on the west side of Flint Hill near Jonathan Lovejoys, where he engaged in farming. Mr. Taylor deserved well of his country if for no other reason than that he was father of three sons who served in the war of the Revolution.

The children of Edward and Mary Taylor were: Edward, born in Dunstable in 1747; married Mary Worcester, of Hollis, November 14, 1771, and settled in Plymouth, N. H. Daniel, born in Hollis, March 24, 1749; served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis, at Bunker Hill and Cambridge, eight months. Joel, born in Hollis, August 23, 1752; married Mrs. Sarah Hobart Lovejoy, widow of Phineas Lovejoy, April 9, 1778; removed to Plymouth in 1776; served in the war of the Revolution; came within the limits of Hebron, 1792. Mary, born in Hollis, June 19, 1754; married James Hopkins of Amherst, December ———, 1778. Jacob, born in Hollis, August 21, 1756; married Betty Boynton, November 19, 1781; residence, Hollis; served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis. Anna, born in Hollis, August 28, 1757; no record.

Mr. Taylor served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis in the Ticonderoga Alarm of 1776.

## SAMUEL STEARNS, SENIOR.

Samuel Stearns, Sr., son of Samuel and Phebe Stearns, was born in Lexington, Mass., March 7, 1702. His father died by a casualty, November 19, 1721. His mother removed to Littleton with her family in 1730. Mr. Stearns married Keziah Robbins, of Littleton, January 1, 1731. He resided in Littleton until about 1748, when he settled in Monson, N. H., at a point about one mile east of Monson village, on the old Thornton Ferry road, a few rods west of Witch Brook valley, near Hollis line. Mr. Stearns was a large land holder, owning north of the Zedock Rogers, land situated in the south east part of Milford.

His children were as follows: Samuel, Jr., born in Littleton, in 1732; married Hepsibeth Bryant, October 21, 1757. He removed to Plymouth, N. H., in 1778. He served in the old French war, and also in the war of the Revolution, at Bunker Hill, in Captain Crosby's company. Peter, born in Littleton, in 1734; married Abigail Wheat, September 8, 1764; removed to Plymouth in 1769; was in the war of the Revolution, Lieutenant of a company in northern campaign of 1781. His wife died September 22, 1786. He married for second wife, Judith Bartlett, January 5, 1792. Isaac, born in Littleton, in 1736; married Rebecca Jewett, February 26, 1767; served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis. Eleazer, born in Littleton, in 1738; married Elizabeth Pierce, December 6, 1759. Joseph, born in Littleton, in 1740; married Mary Shattuck, June 9, 1763; married for second wife, Abigail Wheat, March 31, 1778. John, born in Littleton, in 1742; married Lucy Shedd, July 7, 1768; married for second wife, Hannah Goss in 1773; residence, Amherst; Lieutenant in the revolution; died, July 12, 1826. Ebenezer, born in Littleton, in 1744; married Rachel Ames, June 29, 1773. Phebe, born in Littleton, in 1745; married Levi Fletcher, of Dunstable, April 1, 1765. Kesiah, born in Littleton, in 1747.

Mr. Stearns died at his old homestead, in 1787.

## SAMUEL STEARNS, JUNIOR.

Samuel Stearns, Jr., son of Samuel and Kesiah Robbins Stearns, was born in Littleton, Mass., in 1732. He came to Monson, N. H., with his father in 1748. He married Hepsibeth Bryant, October 21, 1757, and settled near his father in Monson, on what has since been known as the Benjamin Farley place, at North Hollis. Upon the division of Monson July 4, 1770, he came within the limits of Hollis, without a change of residence, where he resided until 1778, when he removed to Plymouth, N. H. Mr. Stearns lived a while in Plymouth at the Downing place, and had a saw-mill on his farm until 1792 or later.

Mr. Stearns served in the French war, from August 23, to October 19, 1754, in a company of scouts posted on Connecticut river at Charleston number 4, under command of Lieut. Benjamin Bellows. He also served in the war of the Revolution, in Captain Josiah Crosby's company at the siege of Boston, in 1775.

His children were: Samuel, 3rd, born in Monson, November 30, 1761; married Sally Holmes, June 2, 1800; residence, Plymouth; died May 2, 1858. Nathan, born in Monson, in 1763; married Mary Holmes, January 1789; residence, Plymouth. Eunice, born in Monson, in 1765; no record; ———; residence, Plymouth. Sarah, born in Monson, in 1766; married Jonathan Jewett, September 6, 1784; residence, Plymouth. Aaron, born in Monson, June 1, 1768; married Judith Taylor, March 22, 1792; residence, Plymouth. Caleb, born in Monson, in 1770. He perished in the St. Lawrence river.



## ISAAC STEARNS.

Isaac Stearns, son of Samuel and Kesiah Robbins Stearns, was born in Littleton, Mass., in 1736. He came to Monson, N. H., with his father in 1748. He served in the French War, was in the Crown Point expedition of 1755, from April 24 to October 21, in Colonel Joseph Blanchard's regiment, and in the company commanded by Captain Peter Powers. He also served in the war of the Revolution, in Captain Dow's company for Concord and Lexington, was at Bunker Hill, at the Ticonderoga Alarm, and at the battle of Bennington. Mr. Stearns married Rebecca Jewett, February 26, 1767, and settled in the south part of Hollis, where he was engaged in farming, was a quiet and unostentatious citizen, proud of having been one of five brothers who fought to free this country from British rule.

His children as recorded in British history were: Rebecca, born December 16, 1767. Sarah, born November 9, 1769. Anna, born March 10, 1772; Isaac, born February 17, 1773. Nathaniel, born in 1774. Amos, born in 1776, a clergyman, went to Washington, N. Y. Phebe and Lois, born in 1771, Phebe died soon; Lois married Nathan Williams.

Mr. Isaac Stearns removed to Moncton, Vt., prior to 1800.



## JOSEPH STEARNS, SENIOR.

Joseph Stearns, son of Samuel and Keziah Robbins Stearns, was born in Littleton, Mass., in 1740. He married Mary Shattuck, June 9, 1763, and settled in that part of Hollis, situated east of Parker Pond, where he commenced farming on a small scale, always in limited circumstances, and a hard working man.

Mr. Stearns served in the war of the Revolution, in the Ticonderoga Alarm of 1776, at battle of Bennington in 1777, in the Continental Army one year in 1779. Mr. Stearns left numerous descendants, as indeed nearly all of the Stearns who resided in Hollis in after years were his descendants. Mr. Stearns buried his wife, Mary Shattuck ———, and he married for a second wife, Abigail Wheat, March 31, 1778.

His children were: Joseph, born in Hollis, March 21, 1779; married Lydia Nevins. Thomas W., born in Hollis, November 15, 1782; married Sally Nevins, September 6, 1814; residence, Hollis. Daniel, born March 22, 1785. Abigail, born in Hollis, September 12, 1789.

## JOSEPH STEARNS, JUNIOR.

Joseph Stearns, Jr., son of Joseph, Sr., and Abigail Wheat Stearns, was born in Hollis, March 21, 1779. He remained with his parents during his minority. He married when well along in years, Lydia Nevins, a daughter of Benjamin Nevins, and Annis Mooar Nevins, born in Hollis, April 7, 1780, and settled near or at the old homestead situated on the road southeast of the Wincol Wright mill near the Parker Pond valley.

Mr. Stearns was a day laborer, in the vicinity in which he lived, and always remained in limited circumstances.

He suffered a loss by the great blow of September, 1815, as did most other people at that time. Buildings were blown down, large trees uprooted, fences destroyed, and much damage done.

## THOMAS W. STEARNS.

Thomas Wheat Stearns, son of Joseph and Abigail Wheat Stearns, was born in Hollis, November 15, 1782. He remained with his parents in his youth, as did most of the New England boys in those days.

He married Sarah Nevins, a daughter of Benjamin Nevins, September 6, 1814, and settled near his father, in the east part of Hollis.

Mr. Stearns was engaged in farming, raising all the necessary supplies for the family use, keeping sheep and making all their wearing apparel as was then the custom.

His children were: Thomas Mark, born in Hollis, February 27, 1815; married Phebe Dow. Benjamin Nevins, born in Hollis, March 30, 1817; married Susan E. Colburn, March 18, 1841. William Plumer, born in Hollis, January 23, 1819; married ——— Woods; residence, Hollis. Henry H., born in Hollis, May 6, 1821; married ———; residence, Hudson. Ambrose Gould, born in Hollis, December 14, 1822; married Mary Willoughby.

## MAJOR WILLIAM SCOPY.

Major William Scoby, the Hermit, a son of David Scoby, was born in Francistown, N. H., in 1782. He married Jane M. Dickey, December 22, 1812. He served in the war of 1812, the last war with England, and was a veteran of that war. He was present with his company at the battle of Lundy's Lane, in the 21st Regiment, of United States Infantry, under command of James Miller, who by order of General Eleazer W. Ripley led that desperate charge against a British battery, stationed on a hill which commanded the battlefield, and after hard fighting with fixed bayonets succeeded in silencing the battery, and gained the signal victory of Lundy's Lane.

After this war, for reasons not apparent, he lived the life of a hermit in little old huts about Milford and Amherst, and on land that was within the limits of Monson. Mr. Scoby was an ardent Democrat of the Jacksonian school, a subscriber and reader of the Nashua Gazette. He had two sons, one of whom lived in Lawrence, Mass., who it was reported paid his last sickness bills and funeral charges.

Mr. Scoby died at the house of Isaac Lovejoy in Amherst, in 1849, aged about 67.

## DEACON HUMPHREY HOBBS.

Deacon Humphrey Hobbs, son of William and Sarah Knight Hobbs, was born in Topsfield, Mass., February 18, 1711. He married Annie Symonds, July 27, 1737, and settled in Souhegan West, about 1740, and was elected Deacon of the church, January 6, 1742. About this time some of the settlers under the lead of Deacon Hobbs fell in with the Indians one Sunday morning, when a smart fight ensued in which some of the Indians were killed. Deacon Hobbs gained a signal victory over them. It is reported the Indians said: "Souhegan Deacon no very good, he fight Sabba day."

Mr. Hobbs resigned the deaconship in 1744, to take the command of a company of Rangers employed to scout and guard the settlement number 4, on Connecticut river, at Charleston. He was in the Crown Point expedition of 1756. He was a grantee and large land owner in Monson, where he settled about 1747, near the mile slip.

His children were: Annie, born in Topsfield, March 28, 1739; married John Brown, December 9, 1757. Joseph, born in Amherst, April 20, 1743. Susannah, born in Amherst, September 1, 1745; married Aaron Peabody, May 4, 1769. Samuel, born in Monson, September 17, 1750.

Deacon Hobbs died in Monson, in 1756, aged 45. Mrs. Annie Hobbs died September 9, 1791, aged 78.

## CAPTAIN JOSHUA WRIGHT.

Capt. Joshua Wright, son of Deacon Josiah Wright and Ruth Carter, was born May 19, 1716, in Woburn, Mass. He married Abigail Richardson in Woburn, March 6, 1739, and settled in West Dunstable the same year on the South side of Flint's Hill. He was a farmer and a substantial citizen in the new settlement. Mr. Wright served in the French and Indian War in 1760, and served the town of Hollis as one of their Selectmen for the years 1749 and 1767. He was Captain of the militia company of Hollis at the time of the commencement of the war of the Revolution, but being considered too old to go into the service, the company chose Reuben Dow, who was Captain Wright's first Lieutenant, as Captain of the company, on the afternoon of April 19, 1775, and started for the seat of war.

His children were: Joshua, Jr., born in West Dunstable, January 1, 1741; died at Crown Point, N. H., in 1760. Esther, born in West Dunstable, November 6, 1742; married John Shedd, December 20, 1764; residence, Pepperell, Mass. Abigail, born in West Dunstable, August 15, 1746; married Benjamin Knowlton; residence, New Ipswich, N. H. Abijah, born in West Dunstable, August 15, 1746; married Lucy Cummings, April 30, 1772; residence, Plymouth. Lemuel, born in West Dunstable, October 2, 1748; died young. Ruth, born in West Dunstable, February 13, 1751; married Ebenezer Jaquith. Lemuel, born in West Dunstable, December 30, 1752; married a widow, Mary Johnson, March 13, 1781. Uriah, born in West Dunstable, December 8, 1754; married Eunice Jewett, June 15, 1780; removed to Beverly; died August 21, 1797, in Hollis. Timothy, born in West Dunstable, September 8, 1756; died young. Sibbel, born in West Dunstable, February 13, 1759; no record. Susannah, born in West Dunstable, November 5, 1761; married William Woods, August 23, 1778; residence, Hollis; had fourteen children.

Mr. Wright died in Hollis, August 5, 1776, age 60. His wife, Mrs. Abigail Wright, died in January, 1812, aged 96.

## BENJAMIN WRIGHT, SENIOR.

Benjamin Wright, Sr., son of Deacon Josiah and Ruth Carter Wright, was born in Woburn, Mass., in ——— 1724. He married Mary ——— in 1750, and settled in Hollis, N. H., at a place on the road from the Wincol Wright mill to the Parker Pond valley, he being one of those early settlers in this wild region, who by dint of industry and perseverance, gained a competence and an honest living amid those scrub oaks and cobbly knolls.

Mr. Wright served in the war for Independence at Concord and Lexington, and in the Continental army, two months in 1776. Beside serving on various committees in the town, he was an upright and honorable citizen.

His children as found recorded were: Benjamin, Jr., born in Hollis, March 8, 1752; married Esther Taylor, December 15, 1774. Abel, born in Hollis, September 3, 1754; Ebenezer W., born in Hollis, September 8, 1756; Mary, born in Hollis, February 11, 1760; died young. Noah, born in Hollis, December 13, 1763. Joseph and Mary, born February 9, 1766. Hannah, born September 19, 1769; married Ralph Nutting, December 17, 1809; residence, Westford. Sibbel, born May 9, 1772; married Nathan Blood for second husband; residence, Pepperell.

## BENJAMIN WRIGHT, JUNIOR.

Benjamin Wright, Jr., son of Benjamin and Mary Wright, was born in Hollis, March 28, 1752. He married Esther Taylor, December 15, 1774, and settled on his wife's homestead, the Jonathan Taylor place at the foot of Long Pond in Hollis. This property he came in possession of for taking care of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Wright served in the war of the Revolution, from Hollis, as a private in Captain Reuben Dow's company, at Concord and Lexington. He served the town as one of their Selectment in 1798 and 1799. Mr. Wright was engaged in farming; he built and operated the old grist-mill so long owned and run in the Wright family, which was destroyed by fire, January 16, 1908.

His children were as follows: Kezia, born in Hollis, February 20, 1776; married Robert Colburn, 3rd, June 11, 1799. Benjamin Winckol, born in Hollis, July 14, 1778; married Sarah Hardy, November 28, 1805; residence, Hollis. Esther, born in Hollis, April 15, 1781; married Loammi Spalding, May 6, 1817. Jonathan, born in Hollis, July 14, 1783; died young. Salome, born in Hollis, November 28, 1784; died young. Jonathan Taylor, born August 19, 1787; married first Elizabeth Colburn, November 12, 1816; married for second wife, Nancy Blunt, May 10, 1821. Salome, born in Hollis, March 28, 1790; married Ebenezer Duncklee, April 22, 1813. Mary, born in Hollis, August 31, 1792; died young. Mary, born in Hollis, April 29, 1794; married Ebenezer Sargent, September 26, 1826; residence, New York.

Mrs. Esther Wright died November 18, 1830, aged 77 years.



## SAMUEL WRIGHT, JUNIOR.

Samuel Wright, son of Samuel and ——— Wright, was born in Woburn, Mass., in 1753, residing Wilmington. He married Molly Brown, and removed from Wilmington to Hollis, N. H., in 1769, was granted a dismissal from the church at Wilmington to unite with the church at Hollis. Mr. Wright settled at "One Pine Hill" district. His occupation was farming. He was an honest, unassuming man.

He served in the war of the Revolution at Cambridge eight months, at Bunker Hill in 1775, and at the battle of Bennington in 1777.

His children as found recorded were: Samuel, Jr., born in Hollis, September 24, 1778, shoemaker; died unmarried. Alice, born in Hollis, March 5, 1781; Stephen, born in Hollis, September 19, 1783; married Sally Patch. Page, born in Hollis, April 30, 1785; married Sarah Lawrence; died in 1864. Jane, born in Hollis, March 24, 1788; married James Farley, October 20, 1811; residence, Hollis. Betsey, born in Hollis, September 19, 1789; married James Parker, December 28, 1813; she died September 5, 1825. Luther, born in Hollis, January 7, 1792; married Hannah Lillis April 21, 1823. Calvin, born in Hollis, October 18, 1794; married Eunice Shattuck, November 19, 1827.

Mr. Wright died March 31, 1816, aged 85 years. Mrs. Molly Brown Wright, died in September, 1827. Buried in the East Yard.

## LEMUEL WRIGHT.

Lemuel Wright, son of Captain Joshua and Abigail Richardson Wright, was born in Hollis, December 30, 1752. He married Mary Johnson, March 13, 1781, and succeeded to the homestead farm near Flint's Hill. He made many improvements at the old homestead and was considered one of the well-to-do farmers of Hollis.

He served in the war of the Revolution, at Ticonderoga, six months in 1776, and at Ticonderoga Alarm in 1777.

His children were as found in the records: Lemuel, Jr., born in Hollis, March 18, 1782; married Mary Farley, December 7, 1809; Joshua, born in Hollis, February 29, 1784; married Rebecca Willoughby, January 4, 1809. Noah, born in Hollis, June 13, 1787. Miles Johnson, born in Hollis, March 13, 1790; married Betsey Jewell. Benjamin, born in Hollis, May 4, 1792.

## GAIUS WRIGHT.

Gaius Wright, a native of Granby, Mass., was born September 3, 1780. He married Lucy Sheldon in 1804, settled in Granby and engaged in farming. Mr. Wright enlisted into the United States army and served in the war of 1812 and 1814, in the Southern division under General James Wilkinson. He removed from Granby to Hollis, N. H., in 1817, and settled in the east part of the town near the Poor Farm place, remaining here until about 1821, when he went to the Elias Conant place, and in the spring of 1822, he removed to his farm in the West part of the town on the hill southwest of Rocky Pond, where he resided the remainder of his days. Mr. Wright continued the habit of drinking ardent spirit as a beverage to a later day than did most of his neighbors.

His children were: Eunice, born in Granby, March 14, 1805; died young. Thomas V., born in Granby, December 15, 1806; married Mary S. Shattuck, in 1827, died July 27, 1883. Lucy S., born in Granby, July 4, 1809; married Jacob D. Austin, April 3, 1833; died May 19, 1880. Gaius, Jr., born in Granby, May 9, 1811; married Naomi Parker, July 1, 1836; married for second wife, Sarah Colburn, August 17, 1865. James, born in Granby, July 22, 1815; died unmarried, November 10, 1878. Josiah V., born in Hollis, November 5, 1822; married Augusta Searles; residence, Nashua.

Mrs. Lucy Wright, wife of Gaius Wright; died January 13, 1854, age 76. Mr. Gaius Wright, died December 17, 1861, aged 81.

## BENJAMIN WINCHOL WRIGHT.

Benjamin Winchol Wright, son of Benjamin and Esther Taylor Wright, was born in Hollis, July 14, 1778. He married Sarah Hardy, daughter of Lemuel and Hannah Jewett Hardy, November 28, 1805, and settled on the Powers place, so long known as the Winchol Wright place, on the Merrimac road, east of Patch Corner, where he was engaged in farming, and attended to running the Grist Mill. He was always a careful and prudent manager, slow of speech, a modest and unassuming man.

He was among the first in town to raise the butter-nut, or oil-nut, raising more than any one else. Mr. Wright was one of the first in town to make and run a light pleasure wagon. He lived at a time when all of his fellow-townsmen raised all their grain, and the custom at his mill was unbounded.

His only child was: Esther Salome, born in Hollis, ———; married Benjamin Whiting, December 9, 1845; residence, Hollis.

Mr. Wright was politically a strong Whig and an adherent of Henry Clay.

## JONATHAN TAYLOR WRIGHT.

Jonathan Taylor Wright, son of Benjamin, Jr., and Esther Taylor Wright, was born in Hollis, August 19, 1787. He married first Elizabeth Colburn, November 12, 1816, a daughter of Nathan Colburn. She died February 25, 1819. He married for his second wife, Nancy Blunt, May 10, 1821. Mr. Wright succeeded to the homestead at Long Pond. He was engaged in farming and running the Grist Mill. He had more than an ordinary education, taught a district school in his vicinity several terms; learned the art of civil engineering and land surveying. He taught singing school, was chorister at the Congregational Church for a time. He served as one of the Selectmen eight years, between 1823 and 1835. Mr. Wright was chosen to represent the town in the New Hampshire Legislature of 1830 and 1831. He was employed in settling numerous estates. He was also prominent in military affairs, was Captain of the old fifth company of State Militia from 1820 to 1825. He was Justice of the Peace more than forty years. Mr. Wright enjoyed the entire confidence of his fellow townsmen; his reputation for honesty and fair dealing, was proverbial.

His children were: Jonathan Taylor and Nancy, twins, born January 26, 1823, died same day. Elizabeth, born in Hollis, November 2, 1818; married Benjamin Colburn; residence, ———. Mary Ann, born in Hollis, December 30, 1827; married Warren K. Lovejoy, January 1, 1857; succeeded to homestead. Jonathan Taylor, born in Hollis, November 29, 1824; died December 13, 1826.

Mr. Wright died May 22, 1872, aged 84. Mrs. Nancy Wright, his wife, died in April, 1877.

## BENJAMIN ROGERS, SENIOR.

Benjamin Rogers, a grandson of Timothy Rogers, was born in Tewksbury, in 1760. He married Betty Merrill of Nottingham West in 1781, and settled at North Hollis, N. H., on Witch brook, at a place so long known as the Rogers place, where formerly Deacon Timothy Emerson resided. Mr. Rogers manufactured wooden ware and was a dealer in earthen-ware. He followed the occupation of pedlar and retail dealer of those articles for several years, going into all the surrounding country towns. Mr. Rogers was the owner of a considerable landed estate, including quite a territory of pitch pine forests. Mr. Rogers was a man of affairs, was very tenacious of his rights, so much so that some of his neighbors considered him inclined to over reach in his dealings.

Mr. Rogers, as was the custom, carried his farm produce to Boston market, and exchanged for such articles as was needed for family use.

He had one son: Benjamin, Jr., born in Hollis, March 11, 1787; married Lydia Sargent, daughter of Eben Sargent, October 12, 1812.

Mr. Rogers died at his home, February 27, 1817, age 57. Mrs. Rogers died ———, 1834; buried in North Yard.

## BENJAMIN ROGERS, JUNIOR.

Benjamin Rogers, Jr., son of Benjamin Sr., and Betty Merrill Rogers, was born in Hollis, March 11, 1787. He married Lydia Sargent, daughter of Ebenezer Sargent, October 12, 1812, and succeeded to the homestead. He was an unassuming upright and honest citizen. Aside from farming, he was engaged in the manufacture of trunks for a Lowell firm. These trunks were covered with fur skins; they were called fur-trunks. He followed this employment more than twenty-five years. He worked in the shop so much of the time that his neighbors called him "tim-per tam-per", Rogers, pay you as well tomorrow as any time. He was not as fortunate in his business affairs as some men.

His children were: Lydia, born in Hollis in 1815; died unmarried in Nashua, 1900, age 85. Annette, born in Hollis, ———; married Lewis Green; residence, Merrimac. Benjamin Franklin, born in Hollis, in 1827; died unmarried in 1854. Caroline, born in Hollis; married Timothy Kittredge; residence, Merrimac.

Mr. Rogers died, ———, 1854; ———, is buried in North Yard. Mrs. Lydia Rogers, died in Nashua, ———, 1875. Buried in North Yard.

## JONAS WILLOUGHBY, SENIOR.

Jonas Willoughby, son of John and Anna Chamberlain Willoughby, was born in Billerica, Mass., March 31, 1737. He came to West Dunstable with his parents in the spring of 1744. He married Hannah Bates, July 10, 1760, and settled for a short time at the Mark Stearns place on Parker pond brook, in Hollis, but removed to Westford, Mass., prior to 1764. He was engaged in farming and was always in limited circumstances. He removed to Hollis about 1780, and settled on the Hiram Hardy place, situated east of Rocky pond hill, residing here the remainder of his life.

Mr. Willoughby for reasons best known to himself changed the orthography of his name to Willoby, which most of his descendants who remained in Hollis adopted.

His children were: Jonas, Jr., born in Hollis, May 19, 1761; married Prudence Saunders, May 24, 1785; residence, Groton, N. H. Oliver, born in Westford, Mass., June 2, 1764; married Sarah Bailey, January 31, 1787; residence, Hollis; died August 6, 1834. David, born in Westford, April 4, 1770; married Polly Wood, March 17, 1796; residence Hollis; died April 17, 1837. William, born in Westford, June 17, 1774; married Rebecca Adams, March 10, 1796; residence Hollis.

Mr. Willoughby died at his home in Hollis, in ———, 1791.

Mr. Willoughby claimed he could reap as much rye in a day as any man that stood in Hollis.



## JONAS WILLOUGHBY, JUNIOR.

Jonas Willoughby, Jr., son of Jonas and Hannah Bates Willoby, was born in Hollis, May 19, 1761. He married Prudence Saunders, May 24, 1785. He resided in Hollis until 1796, when he removed to Groton, N. H. Mr. Willoby occupied a farm amongst the best farming land in the town of Groton. Very little history is known of Mr. Willoby. He was a law abiding citizen, and lived to enjoy that freedom which his fathers fought for. He continued to reside in Groton until 1800, when he removed to Plymouth, N. H.

His children were: Prudence, born in Hollis, October 29, 1787. Jonas, born March 15, 1790; married Hepsibah Gardner, April 24, 1815; residence, Holderness. Hannah, born May 7, 1792. Anna, born March 22, 1795; died young. Amy, born in Groton 1797; married Phineas L. Emerson in 1822; married for second husband, William N. Wheeler, in 1838. Sarah, born in Groton in 1799. William, born in Plymouth, November 26, 1801; married Maria Emerson, August 18, 1822.

## OLIVER WILLOBY, SENIOR.

Oliver Willoby, son of Jonas and Hannah Bates Willoby, was born in Westford, Mass., June 2, 1764. He came to Hollis with his parents while young. He married Sarah Bailey, a daughter of Daniel Bailey, Sr., January 31, 1787, and settled on a farm situated on the southeastern slope of Rocky pond hill, Hollis, where he resided during his life time. Mr. Willoby was one of the old school townsmen, always expressing himself in a bold and defiant manner, and never stopped to sort his words. He said to his neighbor, Stephen Lund, one morning, when he found him mowing: "You ought to have cut this grass a fortnight ago!" Mr. Lund replied: "No matter if it had been cut a fortnight ago, no matter if it's cut now! no matter if it's cut a fortnight from now! and finally no matter if it's never cut."

His children were: Andrew, born in Hollis, August 3, 1787; married Hannah Davis, January 19, 1811; residence, Hollis; died September 3, 1851. Oliver, Jr., born in Hollis, July 17, 1789; married Martha Hardy, June 20, 1811; residence, Hollis; died September 12, 1877. William, born in Hollis, September 16, 1791; died October 23, 1798. Sarah, born in Hollis, May 11, 1794; married first Jonathan Lovejoy, Jr., November 20, 1817; married second Timothy Hodgman; died March 21, 1886. Mary, born in Hollis, April 20, 1796; died unmarried, October 14, 1821. Daniel Bailey, born in Hollis, April 4, 1798; married Mahala Pike; residence, Peterboro. Leonard, born in Hollis, March 23, 1800; married Mary Taylor in 1826; residence, homestead; died March, 1859. Charlotte, born in Hollis, May 28, 1802; married Timothy Hodgman, February 13, 1827; residence, Jaffrey, N. H. Luther, born in Hollis, June 25, 1804; married Dorcas Taylor; residence, Hollis; died April 25, 1839. John Gilman, born in Hollis, May 26, 1807; died December 2, 1826; unmarried.

Mr. Willoby died at his home, in Hollis, August 6, 1834. Mrs. Sarah Bailey Willoby, married Enoch Jewett, October 26, 1837; died March 9, 1840.

## DAVID WILLOBY.

David Willoby, son of Jonas and Hannah Bates Willoby, was born in Hollis, April 4, 1770. He married Polly Wood, daughter of Abijah and Esther Lewis Wood, March 17, 1796, and soon after settled at the northwestern, or Birch hill section of Hollis, the place so long owned by C. Spalding, which he had purchased of the Deacon Humphrey Hobson, heirs. Clearing off a portion of the land, he erected the buildings, and moving in on Thanksgiving day, 1800. He was engaged in farming and was a cooper by trade. Mr. Willoby resided here until April, 1815, when he sold to John Sawtelle of Brookline, and removed to Milford village, where he resided until his death. Mr. Willoby was a common day laborer.

His children were: Mary, born July 3, 1796; was a factory hand; died unmarried, April 18, 1874. David, Jr., born March 8, 1798; married Sally Melendy, November 29, 1821; residence, Milford. Nancy, born March 16, 1800; married Daniel Peacock, April 23, 1820; died April 24, 1854. Jonas, born March 16, 1805; married Susan Peacock in 1826; removed to Canada in 1858. Julia, born June 5, 1803; married Joseph Herrick, June 5, 1834; residence, Wilton; died April 10, 1874. Benjamin L., born September 10, 1807; married Eveline McKean, November 13, 1832; died November 9, 1881. Esther, born March 15, 1810; married Robert Peacock, in 1831; residence, Lempster, died. Franklin, born February 20, 1812; married Harriet Peacock, in 1833. Edwin, born March 19, 1814; married Mary A. Osgood, April 10, 1850; residence, Milford; died February 7, 1891. Frederick A., born August 18, 1816; died in Milford, November 4, 1818.

Mr. Willoby died in Milford, April 17, 1837. Mrs. David Willoby died in Milford, April 15, 1851.

## ENSIGN SAMUEL WILLOUGHBY.

Ensign Samuel Willoughby, son of Anna Chamberlain Willoughby, was born in West Dunstable, February 13, 1745. He married Elizabeth Jaquith, December 3, 1772, and settled at the old homestead, near Muddy brook, at the northeast part of Hollis. His wife, Elizabeth, died March, 1776. He married for a second wife, Mary Gould, November, 1776; daughter of Adam Gould. Mr. Willoughby served in the war of the Revolution, enlisting in Captain Daniel Emerson's company, for the Ticonderoga expedition of 1776. Mr. Willoughby was one of the well-to-do farmers of Hollis.

His children were: Elizabeth, born in Hollis, August 27, 1774; married Samuel Lovejoy, August 27, 1794; residence, Hebron. Samuel, born in Hollis, March 1, 1776. Mary, born in Hollis, August 3, 1777; married Oliver Stearns, November 14, 1816. Ethan, born in Hollis, February 26, 1779; married for second wife, Mrs. Julia Marshall, July 7, 1838. Sarah, born in Hollis, March 21, 1781; married Caleb Brown, Jr., June 28, 1812. Beriah, born in Hollis, February 20, 1783; married ———. Rebecca, born in Hollis, May 11, 1785; married Joshua Wright, January 4, 1809. Anna, born in Hollis, May 18, 1787. Luther, born in Hollis, April 14, 1789. Calvin, born in Hollis, March 14, 1791; married Lucinda Wheeler, May 1, 1823; residence, Hollis; died. Washington, born in Hollis, April 13, 1793; married Lucy Saunderson, March 18, 1816; married for second wife, Elizabeth Wheeler, February 19, 1826; residence, Hollis. John, born December 23, 1795. Joseph, born November 19, 1797.

Mr. Samuel Willoughby, died October 26, 1832, aged 86.

## SIMON WHEELER.

Simon Wheeler, son of George and Abigail Hosmer Wheeler, was born in Concord, Mass., in September, 1715. He was the youngest brother of Peter and James, who settled in West Dunstable in 1738. He married Dorothy Worcester, September 18, 1739. He was a farmer, residing in Concord until his death, which occurred about 1756. After the death of her husband, she removed with her children to Hollis, N. H., in the spring of 1757, as under date of June 5, 1757, it is recorded in Vol. I, page 62, of Hollis town records, that the Selectmen warned Dorothy Wheeler and her two children to depart out of this town in fourteen days. She went to Mason, N. H., where she resided several years.

Their children were: Simon, born in Concord, Mass., in 1740, who died young. Dorothy, born in Concord, in 1742, who died young. Dorothy, born in Concord, March 17, 1748; married Joshua Davis, October 22, 1767; died May 3, 1800. Timothy, born in Concord, June 14, 1750; married Mary Nevins, September 8, 1773; residence, Amherst; died November 28, 1826. Betty, born in Concord in 1745; married Ebenezer Farley, November 6, 1766; residence, in Hollis. Daniel, born in Concord, July 10, 1752; married Eunice Hobart, March 23, 1775; married for second wife, Mary Fuller, December 7, 1780; residence, Plymouth, N. H. Simon, born in Concord in 1754; died in 1784, aged 30 years.

## TIMOTHY WHEELER, SENIOR.

Timothy Wheeler, Sr., son of Simon and Dorothy Worcester Wheeler, was born in Concord, Mass., June 14, 1750. His father died when he was about six years old, and he with other members of the family removed to Hollis, N. H. Mr. Wheeler went to Plymouth, N. H., with Deacon John Willoughby, in 1764. He returned to Hollis in 1773, and married Mary Nevins, September 8, 1773, a daughter of William Nevins, and settled on the hill, half a mile west of Pennichuck pond in North Hollis, a place since known as the Mooar's Place, residing here until 1781 or 1782, when he removed to the East part of Amherst. Mr. Wheeler was employed in farming.

His children were: Timothy, Jr., born January 12, 1774; married Betsey Peacock Beverly, September 11, 1802. Mary, born October 2, 1775; died young. Simon, born July 23, 1777; died February 6, 1803, age 26. Nathan, born in 1779; married Huldah Wilkins, November 25, 1807. William N., born in Amherst, in 1781; married Hannah Odell, July 10, 1803; died November 15, 1857. Rebecca, born October 26, 1783; married Jacob McIntire, December 31, 1807. Joseph, born May, 1786; died in February, 1806. Daniel, born ———, 1789; married Martha G. Aiken; died December 10, 1867. John N., born May 1791; married Nancy Rhodes, December 11, 1814; residence, homestead; died November 29, 1859. Jonathan, born 1795; married Martha Beals, November 29, 1815; residence in Merri-mac; died March, 1844. Mary, born 1797; married Peregrine Nichols; residence, Merrinac. Betsey, born in 1799; died young.

Mr. Wheeler died November 28, 1826, aged 77. Mrs. Mary Wheeler, died October ———, 1815.

## TIMOTHY WHEELER, JUNIOR.

Timothy Wheeler, Jr., son of Timothy, Sr., and Mary Nevins Wheeler, was born in Hollis, January 12, 1774. He married Mrs. Betsey Peacock Beverly, widow of Asa Beverly, September 11, 1802, and settled at the south part of Peacock village in the south part of Amherst, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He learned and worked at the mason's trade, and was the first in this section to work at this business.

Mr. Wheeler was a quiet, industrious, unassuming man, honored and respected by all who knew him; politically an adherent of Thomas Jefferson, supporting him in all conservative measures, an accommodating neighbor, and upright citizen.

His children were: Timothy 3rd, born in Amherst, September 28, 1803; married Mercy Foster, April 17, 1833; residence, Amherst. Nathan, born in Amherst, May 29, 1805; married Hannah Wheeler, November 26, 1850; residence, Amherst. William, born in Amherst, January 17, 1807; married ———. residence, Illinois; died April 19, 1849. Eric C., born in Amherst, April 17, 1809; married Hannah Holt, September 10, 1833; residence, Hollis and Milford. Porter, born in Amherst, February 8, 1812; married Mary Holt, April 22, 1841; residence, Amherst; died November 23, 1870. Betsey, born in Amherst, April 9, 1814; married Reid Dutton, April 4, 1844; residence, Milford. Gardner G., born in Amherst, June 17, 1816; married Irene Follansbee in 1840; she died November, 1847; he married for his second wife, Tabatha Brown, December 21, 1849; he died May 22, 1855.

Mr. Timothy Wheeler, died February 5, 1853.



## ROBERT DURRAH, JUNIOR.

Robert Durrah, Jr., son of Robert and Jane McKean Durrah, was born in Litchfield, N. H., in 1750. His father was a native of the North of Ireland. He came to this country in 1738, and settled in Litchfield. His son David, was the notorious Doctor Durrah of Kirby Street, Boston. Mr. Robert Durrah, Jr., married Elizabeth Cating in 1786, and shortly after settled at the base of Nissitisset Hills, in the northwest part of Hollis. He was guided to his lot from the Joel Bailey place only by marked trees. He commenced a clearing and erected a log hut, taking an immense hollow log six feet in diameter for the back of his cabin. Large numbers of wild animals then roamed the forests; the black bear, the wolf and panther.

In consequence of the Hollis Selectmen not laying out the road from Captain Bailey's to Richard Clark's in 1791, past Mr. Durrah's place as he wished, he petitioned and was included within the chartered limits of Milford in 1794. Mr. Durrah was a hard and laborious working man. His woodman's axe felled many a forest tree.

His children as recorded in Vol. 12, Hollis records were: John, born at Litchfield, January 7, 1787. Betsey, born in Hollis, in 1789. Joseph, born in Hollis, in 1791. Robert, Jr., born in Hollis, in 1793; supposed to have been pressed aboard a British man-of-war in 1812 or 1814.

Mr. Durrah died in January, 1816, aged 66. Buried in old yard, Milford.



## ENOCK JEWETT.

Enoch Jewett, was born in Rowley, Mass., in 1757. He came to Dunstable prior to 1775, is credited to Dunstable quota in the war of the Revolution, wherein he served six years and a half. He said he went into the battle of Saratoga with an old shot gun; as the enemy retreated he saw a dead Hessian with a fine gun, whom he took the liberty to trade even with. This gun he brought home with him from the army, and used to exhibit it to his neighbors with a good deal of pride. Mr. Jewett married Lydia, daughter of Daniel Pike of Dunstable, January 8, 1778, residing here until the spring of 1784, when he settled at the base of Rocky pond hill, in Hollis, N. H., at a place called the old house flat. In August, 1784, he was warned out-of-town by the Selectmen.

His children were: Sarah, born in Dunstable, in 1780; married Benjamin Austin, March 19, 1800; residence, Austin City. Betsey, born in Dunstable, in 1782; married Jonas French. Lydia, born in Dunstable, November 22, 1787; married Nathan Colburn, January 14, 1808; residence, Hollis. Isaac, born in Dunstable, ———, 1778; married Polly Proctor, July 23, 1800; residence, Nashville, Tenn. Daniel, born in Dunstable, in 1793; married Elizabeth Brown February 4, 1824; residence, Detroit, Mich. Moses, born in Dunstable, in 1795; married Julia Webb; residence, California. George, born in Dunstable, April 21, 1799; attempted to commit suicide; ran away. Enoch, Jr., born in November, 1800; married Hannah Wright, March 1, 1821.

Mr. Jewett buried his wife, Lydia, May 22, 1837. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Bailey Willoby, widow of Oliver Willoby, October 26, 1837. She died March 9, 1840. Mr. Jewett died January 8, 1849, aged 92 years.

Joseph Jewett, a native of Yorkshire, England, came to America in 1639, and settled in Rowley, Mass., in 1640. Enoch Jewett served in Captain Kendall's company, first Middlesex regiment.

## ABNER KEYES.

Abner Keyes, son of Ezekiel and Abigail Keyes, was born in Chelmsford, Mass., in 1738. Mr. Keyes married Mary Shedd of Billerica, Mass., December 30, 1763, and soon after settled in Rumney, N. H., but subsequently removed to Plymouth, N. H., where he held a land grant, removing to Hollis about 1772, and settling at a place since known as Keyes' Hill, situated northwest of Long Pond, near the Jonathan T. Wheeler place, where he resided until 1792, when he removed to Hancock, N. H., residing here until his death in 1819. Mr. Keyes was a soldier in the old French and Indian war, and also served in the war of the Revolution about two years. He was at the battle of White Plains. Although a man of moderate means, he was possessed of patriotism and sterling worth.

His children were: Sarah, born September 3, 1764; married Josiah Wheat, April 17, 1788. Mary, born August 14, 1766; married ——— French. Hannah, born July 14, 1768; married Nathaniel Shattuck, Jr., April 28, 1791. Abigail, born July 2, 1770; married ——— Rice. Esther, born August 24, 1772; married Eli Maynard, January 17, 1796. Anna, born September 15, 1774; married Ebenezer Russell, February 5, 1795; died September 10, 1855. William, born October 12, 1776; married Betsey Russell, February 22, 1803. Rebecca, born July 31, 1778; married Edwin Sargent. Abner, Jr., born August 2, 1780; married Susannah Barton, November 27, 1806; died February 12, 1837. Elizabeth, born December 9, 1782; married John Bryant, November 27, 1806. Ruth, born February 21, 1785; no record.

## JOSEPH FRENCH.

Joseph French, son of General William and Tabitha French, was born in Billerica, Mass., December 10, 1740. He came to Monson with his parents in the spring of 1768. Mr. French married Mary Youngman, February 1, 1771, and settled near the place now (1911) occupied by A. S. Wentworth, formerly known as the Cobbett place, situated on Witch Brook, at North Hollis.

Mr. French helped to build and operate a saw-mill, which was run until 1800, when it was changed over to a carding and fulling mill by Isaac Cobbett. Mr. French belonged to the Hollis minute-men and served in the war of the Revolution. Mr. French was engaged in farming as was most of the early settlers. Very little history concerning this man has come down to us.

His children were: Joseph, Jr., born in Hollis, June 8, 1772. Mary, born in Hollis, March 14, 1774. Ebenezer, born in Hollis, October 14, 1776. Tabitha, born in Hollis, March 20, 1779; residence in a little old hut; died unmarried at Hollis town farm in 1840. Stephen Youngman, born September 23, 1781; lived the life of a Hermit; died in Exeter, Me., March 8, 1858. Mittie, born in Hollis, June 20, 1784. Martha, born in Hollis, October 14, 1786.

Mr. French probably died prior to 1815. Supposed to be buried in Bedford, N. H. Mr. French removed to the West part of the town at a point West of the Frank P. Colburn place, where he resided several years; subsequently removed to Bedford, N. H., where most of his family resided.

## HIRAM WOOD.

Hiram Wood, son of Abijah and Esther Lewis Wood, was born in Dracut, Mass., in 1779. Remained with his parents in youth. He married Elizabeth Cheever, of Dracut, Mass., in 1799, and settled in Dracut. He was engaged in farming until the following year, when he removed with his parents to North Hollis, N. H., to the General William French place, recently occupied by Joseph French, situated near the Cobbett place on Witch brook. Mr. Wood here was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and as a farm laborer. He was an industrious and quiet citizen.

His children were: Hiram, Jr., born in Dracut, November 9, 1799; married Annis A. Jewett, October 28, 1828; married for second wife, Lavins Farwell Fosdick; residence, Nashua. Moses, born in Hollis, January 25, 1802; married Submit Hardy; residence, Hollis; died April 14, 1875. Sibyl, born in Hollis, July 7, 1804; died in Hollis, unmarried, September 5, 1848, aged 44. Clarissa, born in Hollis, June 23, 1807; died April 16, 1808. Lucinda, born in Hollis, March 29, 1809; married Silas Spalding, November 1, 1831; residence, Hollis; died September 25, 1844. Aaron, born in Hollis, October 19, 1811; taught school; he disappeared about 1835, and was never heard from. Isaac, born in Hollis, October 25, 1813; married Sarah Jewett ———, 1840; residence, Hollis; died August 24, 1880. Elizabeth, born in Hollis, November 1, 1815; died September 22, 1819, with her grandparents, aged three years, ten months, and twenty-two days.

Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Hiram, died February 27, 1816, aged 35. Buried in the Church Yard.

Mr. Hiram Wood died March 5, 1816, aged 37. Buried in Church Yard.

## DEACON PHILIP WOOD.

Deacon Philip Wood, son of Abijah and Esther Lewis Wood, was born in Dracut, Mass., in 1782. In his youth he came to Hollis, N. H., and worked for Captain Daniel Bailey. He married Dorothy Davis of Hollis, February 3, 1801, and soon after settled on the Abijah Gould place, situated in the extreme north-west part of Hollis, where he was engaged in farming. He became a prominent and influential citizen. Mr. Wood held the office of captain of the old fifth company of state militia, and prior to 1820, served the town of Hollis, as one of their Selectmen in 1837 and 1838. He was chosen deacon of the Congregational church in 1820, a position which he held at the time of his death.

His children were: Philip, Jr., born July 12, 1801; married Eliza Lind. Timothy Davis, born April 2, 1803; married Mary S. T. Washer; residence, Picua, Ohio; died June 26, 1868. Leonard, born October 22, 1805; married Jane Erwin ———; residence, Tennessee. Dolly, born August 6, 1807; married Douglas R. Patterson, August 4, 1831; residence, Nashua and Hollis. Abijah, born December 2, 1809; married Mary Ann Wood, August 8, 1832; residence, Milford; died January 17, 1876. Ambrose Harvy, born January 16, 1812; married Mary Ann Colburn, August 27, 1833; residence, homestead. Osborn, born April 11, 1814; died September 26, 1819; William, born March 18, 1816; died April 25, 1816. William, born August 23, 1817; married Caroline Kirk, ———; residence, Picua, Ohio; married for second wife, Martha Dill. Charles A., born February 24, 1820; married Hannah F. Washer in 1840; residence, Picua, Ohio; married for second wife, Mrs. Sally Brown. Infant daughter, born January 25, 1825; died same day. Deacon Wood died at the old homestead, January 14, 1858, age 76; burial North Yard.

Mrs. Dorothy, his wife, died October 14, 1862, age 84. Burial North Yard.

## ENSIGN LEWIS WOOD.

Ensign Lewis Wood, son of Abijah and Esther Lewis, was born in Dracut, Mass., in 1784. He married May Flint of Tingsborough in ———, 1805, and settled in Hollis on the old Jonas Willoby place, since known as the Hiram Hardy place, situated southeast of Rocky pond hill, where he was engaged in farming and coopering, teaming his barrels to Boston in an ox cart as did most coopers in those days; always laying in a liberal supply of cider, as did his neighbors around him. It was said of him that he could lift a barrel of cider by the chime, and throw it into an ox cart, the easiest of any man living. Mr. Wood held an ensign's commission in the State militia prior to 1818.

His children were: Lewis, Jr., born October 2, 1806; residence, Hollis; died unmarried, April 21, 1874. Charles, born August 2, 1808; died September 4, 1819. Mary, born December 3, 1810; married Varnum Wheeler, June 2, 1836. Samuel, born March 3, 1813; ———; residence, Ohio. Calvin, born September 23, 1815; ———; residence, Ohio. Charles Osborn, born June 25, 1821; married Luella P. Hardy, June 29, 1843; she died February 22, 1846; married for second wife, Mary Nesmith in 1848; died October 31, 1868. Frederick Augustus, born in 1825; married Susan Hardy.

Mr. Lewis Wood, died at the homestead, July 16, 1835, age 51. His wife, Mary, died October 25, 1864, age 81.

## STEPHEN LOVEJOY.

Stephen Lovejoy, son of Daniel and Sarah Wiman Lovejoy, was born in Hollis, N. H., May 22, 1773. He married Betsey Hood, a daughter of Joseph Hood, May 9, 1795, and settled on Muddy brook in the east part of Hollis. Mr. Lovejoy was engaged in farming, was a respected citizen in moderate circumstances, residing in Hollis several years, but subsequently removing to Amherst, N. H., to the farm next south of the Bryant Melenda place, near the stone bridge, where he remained several years.

His children were: Betsey, born May 4, 1796; married Hezekiah Hamlet, December 11, 1817; residence, Milford. Stephen, Jr., born September 11, 1797; married Lucy Hobart, May 22, 1823; residence, Hollis; married for second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler Willoughby, widow of Washington Willoughby. Hannah, born September 29, 1799; married Osgood Hamlet. James, born October 29, 1802; married Ora Erskine, October 30, 1826; residence, Amherst. Isaac, born September 20, 1804; married Sophia Truell, May 21, 1827; married for second wife, Jemima Colburn, October 27, 1831; residence, Hollis and Amherst; died February 19, 1880. Mary, born April 20, 1808; married Jacob Bickford, July 9, 1826; residence, Charlestown, Mass. Sarah, born March 2, 1810; died August 3, 1813. John, born March 13, 1812; married Eliza W. Nichols, March 19, 1833; residence, Amherst. Sarah, born March 20, 1814; died June 25, 1835. Mark, born April 6, 1816; married Ann Came, February 20, 1842; residence, Amherst. Miles, born August 3, 1818; married Naome Barrett, April 7, 1842; residence, Amherst. Mrs. Betsey Lovejoy, wife of Stephen, died May 15, 1852, age 75.

Mr. Stephen Lovejoy, died May 20, 1852, age 79.



## JOHN SHEDD, JUNIOR.

John Shedd, Jr., son of John and Martha Hosley Shedd, was born in Billerica, Mass., March 7, 1760. Mr. Shedd served in the war of the Revolution from Billerica for which he received a pension from 1832, the time of the passage of the act by Congress to the time of his death. Mr. Shedd married Sarah Sprake, daughter of Nicholas Sprake of Billerica, June 24, 1778. He married for his second wife, Rachel Danforth, daughter of David Danforth of Billerica, November 24, 1784, who died July 24, 1797, and he married for his third wife, Mrs. Lucy Farley Jewett, widow of James Jewett, November 5, 1797. Mr. Shedd resided in Billerica until 1790, when he removed to the Oliver Bowers place on Witch brook at North Hollis, had the property for maintaining Mr. and Mrs. Bowers. He built the large two story house now (1911) standing on the premises in 1805.

His children were: Rachel, born in Billerica, January 24, 1786; married Stephen Lund, January 22, 1806; residence, Hollis. Esther, born in Billerica. Martha, born in Billerica, June 3, 1788; married Paul Davis, August 4, 1817; died October 11, 1820; residence, Mason. Lucy, born in Billerica, November 28, 1789. John, 3rd, born in Hollis, June 17, 1791; married Lydia Wright, December 10, 1819; residence, homestead; died May 10, 1874. Julia, born in Hollis, March 15, 1793; died in Hollis, unmarried, January 12, 1860. Captain Ebenezer, born in Hollis, January 24, 1796; married Elizabeth Dunclee, August 5, 1817; died March 1, 1832. Gardner, born in Hollis, October 9, 1798. Luther, born in Hollis, April 1, 1800; married Abigail Sawtelle; residence, Alexander, N. H. Calvin R., born in Hollis, 1807; married Thirza Bennett, June 23, 1836; residence, Brookline; married for second wife, Mrs. Mary A. Patterson Sawtelle, widow of Edward Sawtelle, 1862; died November 9, 1874.

Mrs. Lucy Shedd, died June 26, 1837. Mr. John Shedd, died in Alexander, N. H., in 1838.



## JOHN SHEDD, 3RD.

John, 3rd, son of John, Jr., and Rachel Danforth Shedd, was born in Hollis, June 17, 1791. He married Lydia Wright, December 10, 1819, and settled on the homestead farm in Hollis. He was engaged in farming and raising hops.

Mr. Shedd was a penurious and hard-working citizen, and desired those around him to be industrious. He cared very little for the welfare of his neighbors, nor in return did his neighbors care much about him.

Mr. Shedd was a very small man in statue as well as every other way, so much so that people called him: "Little Johnny Shedd."

His children were: Capt. Ezra, born ————. Rachel, born ————.

Mr. Shedd, died May 10, 1874. Burial in North Yard.

## CAPTAIN EBENEZER SHEDD.

Captain Ebenezer Shedd, son of Jr., and Rachel Danforth Shedd, was born in Hollis, January 24, 1796. He married Elizabeth Duncklee, August 5, 1817, and immediately settled at the Joseph French place, near Cobbett's Mill on Witch brook at North Hollis, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and as a farm laborer. He was much esteemed by his fellow-townsmen. He was appointed superintendent of the Sabbath School at Congregational Church in Hollis. He was commissioned captain of the old fifth company of infantry in the State Militia, March 6, 1829, which office he held at the time of his death, which occurred March 1, 1832.

His children were: Nelson E., born in Hollis, September 22, 1820; married ———. Elizabeth, born in Hollis, January 7, 1818; married Joshua Jewett. Charles N., born in Hollis, December 23, 1824; married ———. Augustus, born in ———, 1826. Ann Maria, born October 6, 1822.

After Captain Shedd's death, his widow, Elizabeth, subsequently married John Cutter, of Pelham, N. H., and three children were born to them. They resided in Nashua, N. H. She died in Nashua, September 23, 1877, age 82 years.

## DANIEL PEACOCK, JUNIOR.

Daniel Peacock, Jr., son of Daniel and Elizabeth Foster Peacock, was born in Milford, September 22, 1799. He married Nancy Willoby, daughter of David and Polly Wood Willoby, in 1820, and immediately settled at old Monson village in one of those wood-colored dilapidated houses. He cultivated a small patch of land, worked at coopering most of the time, but always remained in limited circumstances.

At the September term of the Superior court for Hillsborough county, in 1830, Abial Lovejoy, merchant of Milford, brought suit against Daniel Peacock, Jr., for goods amounting to \$71.32, in assumit. This suit went by default.

On election day, June, 1826, Mr. Peacock had a "ginger-bread shooting" at his place, which drew a large crowd of young people from all about. Mr. Peacock was the last inhabitant to leave Monson village. In the fall of 1826, he removed to Lempster, N. H., where his father resided.

His children were: Mary Ann, born in 1821; died September 27, 1821. Nancy, born August 7, 1822; married William F. Pratt. Augustus F., born June 18, 1824; married Roxana Putnam, June 6, 1849; residence, Wilton.

## RUFUS ORCUTT.

Rufus Orcutt, a notorious criminal, who had married Betsey Hartley, and resided in Amherst, prior to 1832, at which time he removed to Hezekiah Kendall's Mills on Witch brook, at North Hollis. On the evening of March 25, 1833, while under the influence of liquor, Mr. Orcutt went into Mr. Kendall's room caught up a chair and struck Mr. Kendall on the head, breaking his skull. He lived three days, and Mr. Orcutt was sent to State Prison for three years. Mr. Kendall had dunned Orcutt for rent due, and was the excuse and provocation of Mr. Orcutt striking him with the chair.

While Orcutt was serving out his term in state prison, his family resided in the old school-house. They moved to near the David Elliott place at Hardscrabble, and subsequently, while serving out a term in state prison in a fit of despair, set fire to his straw bunk, January 21, 1841, and perished in the flames. It is said that Mrs. Orcutt danced for joy while he was burning.

His children were: Rufus H., born about 1825; married ———; residence, Amherst. George, born about 1828. Josephine, born about 1830.

Mrs. Betsey Orcutt, died in Amherst, February 20, 1879, age 82.

## JOSHUA DAVIS.

Joshua Davis, son of Timothy and Hannah Smith Davis, was born in Townsend, Mass., May 8, 1744. He married Dorothy Wheeler, October 22, 1767, a daughter of Simon and Dorothy Wooster Wheeler, who was born in Concord, Mass., March 17, 1748, and died in Hollis May 3, 1800. Mr. Davis settled in Hollis, at a place known as the Mark Stearns place, southeast of the Wincol Wright Mill, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, until about 1801, then removed to Mason, N. H. He married for his second wife, Sarah Tarbox, of Mason, N. H., May 19, 1801.

Mr. Davis served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis, was at Ticonderoga in 1776, six months, and always remained a respected citizen of the town.

His children were: Joshua, Jr., born in Hollis, June 26, 1768; married Sarah Richardson, May 4, 1813; residence, Alstead, N. H. Reuben, born in Hollis, January 12, 1771; married ———; residence, Alstead, N. H., and Vermont. Dorothy, born in Hollis, September 12, 1772; died April 7, 1776, age 3 years and 7 months. Timothy, born in Hollis, November 18, 1775; married a Stearns; went to sea, never heard from thereafter. Dorothy, born in Hollis, April 2, 1778; married Philip Wood, February 3, 1801; residence, Hollis; died October 14, 1862. James, born in Hollis, March 26, 1780; married Bridget Wheeler, November 22, 1810; residence, Mason. Paul, born in Hollis, February 23, 1782; married Lucy Pike, October 20, 1806; she died March 5, 1817; married for second wife, Martha Shedd, August 4, 1817; she died October 11, 1820; married for third wife, Mary Kimball; died by hanging in 1826.

His children were: Simon, born in Hollis, March 3, 1784; married ———; residence, Picua, Ohio. Hannah, born in Hollis, May 23, 1786; married Andrew Willoby, January 19, 1811; residence, Hollis; died March 31, 1869.

Joshua Davis died in Mason, October 16, 1840, aged 96 years. Sarah, his wife, died in Mason, October 4, 1841, age 80 years.

## LAZARUS HUBBARD.

Lazarus Hubbard, the beggar, was a son of Jonas and Betty Hubbard, was born in Hollis, in 1773, at the south part of old Monson village. He married prior to 1794; at this time he removed to Antrim, N. H., residing there until 1801, then returned to Monson. According to tradition, Mr. Hubbard was the poorest and laziest man that ever lived in this section, a noted beggar, traveling from house to house; sometimes peddling medicinal herbs and nostrums and occasionally peddling brooms peeled from witch-hazel, then in general use among the farming community.

It was said that he would, as it was the custom with some, hang the mop, the broom, grid-iron and frying pan on the outside of the house, at either side of the entrance door.

His children were: Of whom Betty and Isaac were mentioned.

Mr. Hubbard disappeared from Monson prior to 1820.

## JOHN SAWTELLE.

John Sawtelle, son of Ephraim and Abigail Stone Sawtelle, was born in Mason, N. H., October 15, 1773; he was a lenial descendant of Richard Sawtelle who settled in Watertown, Mass., as early as 1636, and subsequently settled in Groton, Mass., from whom sprung nearly all the Sawtelles of New England. John Sawtelle married Martha Wallingsford, April 19, 1797, and settled in the extreme south part of Milford. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits; from here he removed to the southwest part of Brookline, in the spring of 1813, residing here until the spring of 1815, when he bought of David Willoby, the farm so long owned by Charles S. Spaulding, situated on the southeastern slope of Rocky Pond Hill, Hollis. Mr. Sawtelle was an honest, industrious and worthy citizen of Hollis.

His children were: Martha, born in Milford, October 6, 1797; married John Gutterson, August 15, 1816; died March 21, 1873. Eli N., born in Milford, September 8, 1799; married ———; residence, Alexander, N. H. Abigail, born in Milford, June 27, 1801; married Luther Shedd; residence, Alexander, N. H. Ephraim, born in Milford, August 12, 1803. Luke, born in Milford, November 23, 1805; died the same month. David W., born in Milford, September 9, 1806; married Sarah P. Farley, November 24, 1831; married for second wife, Sarah J. Rideout, December 23, 1847; married for third wife, Mrs. Abby Farley, 1858. Medad, born in Milford, September 24, 1808; had a hairlip, died December 15, 1818. Hannah W., born in Milford, July 8, 1810; married Luther Hardy, February 22, 1830; died December 13, 1871; residence, Francistown. Susan E., born in Milford, July 1, 1812; married ———. Cyntianna, born in Hollis, August 30, 1816; married ——— Jones; died in 1890; residence, Tennessee.

John Sawtelle died June 19, 1828, at homestead in Hollis. Mrs. Sawtelle died February 18, 1834, at homestead in Hollis.

## DEACON THOMAS PATCH.

Deacon Thomas Patch, son of ———, was born in Groton, Mass., in 1714. He married Anna Gilson, March 25, 1742, and immediately settled in the Pine Hill section of Hollis, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. That he was of Puritanical mould and a venerable Pharisee is evinced by his being selected by our pious Forefathers to perform the office of Deacon of the Church to which he was chosen in 1745. The place where Deacon Patch located was then Dunstable, N. H.

His children were: Anna, born in Dunstable, November 20, 1742. Thomas, born in Dunstable, January 17, 1745; married Molly Upton in 1771; residence, Hollis. Sarah, born in Dunstable, March 9, 1746. Joseph, born in Dunstable, August 24, 1749. First settled in Warren, N. H., in 1767. David, born in Dunstable, August 2, 1751. Daniel, born in Dunstable, October 9, 1753.

Deacon Thomas Patch, died May 1, 1754, aged 40 years.



## THOMAS PATCH, JUNIOR.

Thomas Patch, Jr., son of Deacon Thomas and Anna Gilson Patch, was born in Dunstable, N. H., January 17, 1745. He married Mary Upton of Wilmington, Mass., in 1771, and settled on the Samuel Leeman place, situated south of Patch Corner in Hollis, now 1911, occupied by Fred W. Wheeler. Mr. Patch carried on extensive farming and hop raising for many years, carrying his produce to Boston market with an ox team as then the custom was. Mr. Patch served in the war of the Revolution, was in Captain Dow's Company at Bunker Hill, and at Ticonderoga, six months.

His children were: Thomas, 3rd, born in Hollis, October 10, 1771; married Anna Stickney of Billerica, in 1796. Mary, born in Hollis, March 1, 1773; married Joshua Hayden, April 19, 1797. Lydia, born in Hollis, September 21, 1774; married Thomas Moore, December 1, 1814. Richard, born in Hollis, May 26, 1776; no record. David, born in Hollis, October 6, 1778; married Sally Rea, March 28, 1803; she died May 22, 1823; married for second wife, Mrs. Mary T. Evans, June 8, 1826; he died August 10, 1836. Rachel, born in Hollis, May 27, 1780; married Peter Colburn, January 23, 1800; died May, 1855. Sally, born in Hollis, August 21, 1782; married Stephen Wright; married for second wife, ——— Butterick. Daniel, born in Hollis, September 7, 1784; died in Maine unmarried. Joseph, born in Hollis, May 4, 1791; married Sally Johnson, December 31, 1818; died ———.

Mr. Thomas Patch, died November 7, 1828, aged about 84. Mrs. Thomas Patch, died at the old homestead.

## MAJOR LUTHER HUBBARD.

Major Luther Hubbard, son of Thomas and Lois White Hubbard, was born in Hollis, August 13, 1782. He married Hannah Russell, of Carlisle, Mass., December 18, 1806, and settled at the Page Wright place, Butterfield Hill, Hollis; he purchased this place of John Ball, of whom he learned the stone cutting trade, which he worked at during his life time. Mr. Hubbard acquired the title of Major, although he never held a Major's commission. In 1834, Mr. Hubbard moved to Kendall Mills at North Hollis, residing here until the fall of 1836, he then removed to near Riddles in Merrimac, from here he went to Manchester about 1845, residing here until his death, with his son, Thomas Russell.

His children were: Luther Prescott, born in Hollis, June 30, 1808; married Sarah O. Johnson, November 28, 1832; she died December 29, 1840; married for second wife, Mary C. Penney, November 29, 1848. Mary Ann, born in Hollis, December 25, 1809; married William Bowers, December 22, 1830. Hannah, born in Hollis, November 9, 1811; married James C. Channel, November 18, 1831; died May 18, 1834. Thomas, born in Hollis, November 20, 1813; died July 21, 1815. Elizabeth, born in Hollis, in 1815. Thomas Russell, born in Hollis, October 15, 1817; married ———; residence at Manchester.

Major Hubbard died at Manchester, N. H., March 2, 1857. Mrs. Hubbard died at Manchester, June 21, 1870.

## JACOB SPALDING.

Jacob Spalding, son of Edward and Susanna Crosby Spalding, was born in Billerica, May 9, 1756. He remained with his Father during his minority, joined the Hollis minute-men prior to the Revolution, was at Concord and Lexington, was in Captain Dow's Company at battle of Bunker Hill, at Ticonderoga Alarm in 1777, at Rhode Island, in 1778. Mr. Spalding married Esther Shedd in 1782, and settled for a time at the old place, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Tradition says he removed to the Pine Hill section of old Dunstable, where he opened a hotel which he kept for several years, returning to Hollis, to reside prior to 1815. That year, his widow Esther Spalding was taxed for old homestead in Hollis, as a resident. The old barn built by Jacob Spalding is still (1911) standing on the place situated in the east part of the town, west of the Poor farm place.

His children were: Esther, born September 3, 1782; died young. Abigail, born May 12, 1784. Esther, born July 8, 1786; married Joseph Powers. Abraham, born July 17, 1788. Rachel, born August 28, 1789. Isaac, born October 13, 1791. Rebecca, born January 15, 1794; married John P. Gilson, March 6, 1818. Sally, born April 17, 1797. Elizabeth, born April 17, 1799. Jacob, Jr., born March 8, 1803. Sybel, born July 14, 1805; married Leonard Shipley, April 9, 1829.

Jacob Spalding died about 1814. Buried at Pine Hill Yard; no grave stone.

## WILLIAM BLANCHARD.

William Blanchard, son of Thomas and Ruth Adams Blanchard, was born in Dunstable, in 1701. He married Deliverance Searles, a daughter of Samuel Searles, of Dunstable, and removed to West Dunstable, prior to 1738. He was one of the first settlers to locate in the east part of the town, his place being on the east side of Flint's Hill.

Mr. Blanchard's first employment was clearing off the forest, building of the log huts, making paths, etc.; he signed the petition to the General Court of Massachusetts to erect the western portion of old Dunstable into a township, dated December 12, 1739.

His name is appended to a list of West Dunstable inhabitants to support the Rev. Daniel Emerson under date of January 17, 1743, and he also signed a petition to the General Court of New Hampshire for a scout or guard to protect them against Indian invasion, dated June 18, 1744.

His children were: Olive, born November 4, 1733, in Dunstable; married Samuel Whittmore, May 27, 1755. Nathaniel, born December 25, 1735, in Dunstable; married Elizabeth Rolph, September 13, 1757.

## SAMUEL OBER.

Samuel Ober, was born in Beverly, Mass., in 1733, and for many years was a resident of this quaint old town. He married Abigail ———, about 1771, residing in Beverly until 1778, when he removed to the south part of Amherst, N. H., and settled north of Peacock village, opposite the John Philbrick place, residing here until about 1795, when he removed to the Lot Mooar place on Mooars hill, at North Hollis, where he remained during his life time, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Ober was a quiet, industrious, unpretentious citizen of the town; respected by all who knew him.

His children were: Samuel, Jr., born in Beverly, in 1773. Joseph, born in Beverly, in 1775; he came to Hollis with his parents; went away; never heard from him. Rebecca, born in Beverly, in 1777; married Abel Spalding, October 11, 1799; residence, Hollis and Milford; died in 1859. John, born in Amherst, July 25, 1779; married Sally Peacock, April 6, 1802; residence, Amherst. Zachariah, born in Amherst, in 1781; married Abigail Hardy, June 10, 1802; residence, Homestead. Abigail, born in Amherst in 1783; married Phineus Lovejoy, September 22, 1804; residence, Hollis and Hebron. Elizabeth, born in Amherst, in 1785; married Stephen Lund, September 12, 1810; residence, Merrimac.

Samuel Ober, died May 24, 1813, age 80. Buried in North Yard, Hollis. Mrs. Abigail Ober, his wife, died December 12, 1838, age 93. Buried in North Yard, Hollis.

## ZACHARIAH OBER.

Zachariah Ober, son of Samuel and Abigail Ober, was born in Amherst, in 1781. He came to Hollis with his parents about 1795. He married Abigail Hardy, June 10, 1802, a daughter of Aaron and Abigail Dutton Hardy.

Mr. Hardy settled on the homestead farm at Mooars Hill, North Hollis. He was engaged in farming, remaining until about 1820, then removed to Washington, N. H., residing on one of those hilly farms until about 1832, at which time he went to Newbury, in the North part of Ohio State, where he resided during the remainder of his life time.

His children were all born in Hollis: Hepsibah, born March 21, 1803. Reuben H., born December 15, 1804. Herman, born August 15, 1806. Mary, born July 17, 1808. Abigail, born October 21, 1811. Zachariah, Jr., born February 7, 1813. Luke, born ———, 1814. Harriet, born ———, 1816. Elizabeth, born ———, 1818.

## ONESIPHORUS MARSH.

Onesiphorus Marsh, son of Onesiphorus Marsh, a descendant of George Marsh of old Hingham, England, who came to New England, with the Rev. Peter Hobart, in 1635, and settled in Hingham, Mass. Later this family removed to Dracutt, and subsequently to Hudson, N. H., one of the first settlers there. Mr. Marsh was born in Hudson, N. H., in 1720. He married Lydia ———, in 1743. He removed from Hudson to Monson, in 1758, and settled in the southern part of the town on the hill west of the John Shedd place now (1911), owned and occupied by Deacon J. Hayden heirs, being the first settler here we have a record of. Mr. Marsh removed to Plymouth, N. H., in the spring of 1765, being one of the grantees of this township, he went to occupy his land grant. His wife, Lydia, died about this time. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Dorothy Blodgett Thompson, in 1768.

Mr. Marsh served in the war of the Revolution in Colonel David Hobarts battalion at battle of Bennington.

His children were: Samuel, born in Hudson, N. H., February 14, 1744; married Olive Brown, November 30, 1769; married for second wife, Hannah Worcester, August 30, 1786; died September 19, 1812. Jacob, born in Hudson, April 17, 1746; married Sarah Phillips, December 31, 1773; died February 23, 1824. Lydia, born in Hudson, January 15, 1750; married Noah Phillips, April 23, 1772. Mary, born in Hudson, August 29, 1752; died at Monson, February 15, 1759. Sarah, born in Plymouth, in 1769; married John Rideout, December 2, 1787; died June 23, 1846.

Mr. Marsh died at Plymouth, August 8, 1808, aged 88.

## JAMES STEWART.

James Stewart came to West Dunstable, prior to 1740, from what place we are unable to say, coming with his wife, and settling at a point southeast of Long Pond, near Tyng Hill, on the old road leading from Hollis to Lyon's bridge in Amherst. On the 18th of June, 1744, Mr. Stewart was chosen to present a petition to Colonial Court of New Hampshire, asking for a scout or guard of twenty-five to guard the inhabitants of the West Parish of Dunstable against Indian invasion; these garrisons were located in all parts of the town, 6 in number. He presented the petition at the Court's session in Portsmouth the 22nd day of June, 1744.

It does not appear whether they sent the soldiers as requested or not; nor does it appear that the Indians came to molest the settlers. There is a tradition that Mr. Stewart removed to Jaffrey, N. H., about 1750. At about this time the Selectmen layed the road leading from Hollis village to Patch Corner, by the east shore of Long Pond, taking the travel from past his log hut, on the old road.

His children were: James, born October 15, 1742. Thomas, born September 29, 1744. Peter, born June 13, 1746. Jerathmaeel, born March 14, 1748.

While Mr. Stewart was here he was engaged in building a dam for flowing water from one brook to another, interested parties went in the night time and broke the dam; the place where the dam was, was known for many years as Stewart's folly.



## JOHN ATWELL, SENIOR.

John Atwell, one of those hardy pioneer settlers who probably came up from Lynn, Mass., and remained a portion of the time about the year 1735, said to be the eighth settler in West Dunstable; he located at the head of Long Pond, where he purchased land of the original proprietors of Dunstable, clearing off a portion and erecting his log hut, making improvements, and hunting and trapping, residing here a portion of the time until the spring of 1751, when he sold to Phuneas Hardy of Bradford, Mass. Mr. Atwell left very little available record; he seemed to be one of those so far as any history is concerned that crawled into a hole and to have pulled the hole in after him.

His children so far as known were: Joseph, born March 12, 1698; married ———. Nathan, born in 1700; married Anna Ramsdell, November 22, 1723. John, born October 16, 1702; married; residence in Connecticut.

Mr. Atwell owned about eight acres of land here; it does not appear by the Hollis records that he ever was taxed for it.

John Atwell, Sr., who came to West Dunstable in 1735, was a grandson of John Atwell, who came over from Devonshire, England, and settled at Casco Bay, Maine, about the year 1635; he removed to Lynn, Mass., about 1660. He married Margaret Max of Wenham about 1696. He was a son of John Atwell.

## JOHN ATWELL.

John Atwell, son of Nathan Atwell, was born about 1736. He married Bridgett Cummings, November 13, 1760, and settled at the Captain Benjamin Farley place in Hollis village. Mr. Atwell was engaged in farming and coopering. According to the town records he served as janitor at the Church several years. On one of those years the record reads: That Mr. Atwell is to open the meeting-house in good season, is to sweep the paths in winter, and clear off the horse blocks, and if he does this to the satisfaction of the Selectemn, he is to have 4-6, four shilling and six pence, or in other words, 75 cents; if not done as requested he was to have nothing; whether he received something or nothing the record does not state.

His children as found recorded: John, 3rd, born in Hollis, June 6, 1761; married Tabatha Fairfield, February 1, 1798. William, born in Hollis, May 7, 1763; killed by the upsetting of a load of wood, January 16, 1778. Nathan, born in Hollis, June 13, 1766. Jonathan, born in Hollis, February 21, 1768. Bridgett, born in Hollis, May 24, 1770; married Davis Holden, Jr., January 1, 1789. Ebenezer, born in Hollis, November 22, 1772. Josiah R., born in Hollis, May 27, 1775. James, born in Hollis, February 3, 1777; married Sarah Lawrence, March 4, 1798. Becca, born in Hollis, January 28, 1787.

Mr. Atwell served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis. Mr. Atwell was a grandson of John Atwell, who settled at Long Pond, in 1735.

## JOSHUA CLARK.

Joshua Clark, one of those easy going characters, who came blundering into the settlement about 1770, I am unable to state who his parents were, or where he came from. He had married Susanna ———. He settled south of Peacock village near Amherst line at North Hollis. He lived in a little old hut, and commenced life with nothing and held his own remarkably well.

He was engaged a portion of the time in cutting wood and burning it into coal; this he would team to Boston the only market at that time. His team usually consisted of an old stag and his cow yoked together; at one time his cow gave out on the journey, he was overheard to say, muttering to himself: "I assure ye I must keep more oxen and less cows."

Mr. Clark used to carry all kinds of farm products for his neighbors, do errands, and bring back articles for family use. At one time no one sent by him, he was overheard to say: "I assure ye I've nothing to do, but go down, unload, and ride back." All the bastard wit of the neighborhood was palmed off onto Josh. Clark. He had one son, Joshua, Jr., born in 1771. He married and resided in Francistown. Mr. Clark died in January, 1806. His wife, Susanna died April 27, 1817, aged 74.

## EBENEZER FARLEY, SENIOR.

Ebenezer Farley, son of Lieut. Benjamin and Joanna Farley, was born in Hollis, September 19, 1747. He married Betty Wheeler, born in 1766. Mr. Farley purchased of the Mortgagee the Thomas Nevins place, situated near Pennichuck pond in the northeast part of Hollis, for the sum of four hundred pounds Continental money, and settled here about 1780. Mr. Farley served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis at Concord and Lexington in New York, in 1776.

His children were as follows: Benjamin, born in Hollis, February 1, 1767; married Anna Merrill in 1789; residence, Hollis and Vermont. Lucy, born in Hollis, September 3, 1768; married James Jewett, January 17, 1789; married for second husband, John Shedd, November 5, 1797. Joanna, born in Hollis, March 22, 1770; married Abijah Shedd, November 15, 1792. Betty, born in Hollis, March 18, 1772; married Hezekiah Duncklee, in 1792; died August 6, 1820. Ebenezer, Jr., born in Hollis, March 4, 1774; married Abigail Farmer, September 12, 1796; residence, homestead. Hannah, born in Hollis, December 1, 1775; married Solomon Wheeler, August 25, 1791. John, born in Hollis, December 13, 1777; no record. Daniel, born in Hollis, October 28, 1779; married; went to Michigan. Jesse, born in Hollis, June 26, 1781; married Mary Phelps, October 1, 1803; died in November, 1826. Sarah, born in Hollis, April 23, 1783; married Minot Wheeler, April 28, 1800. Rebecca, born in Hollis, December 15, 1784; married ——— Gibbs, April, 1805. Susannah, born in Hollis, February 3, 1787; married William F. Phelps, January 1, 1806. James, born in Hollis, May 21, 1791; married Jane Wright, January 1, 1811; residence, Hollis.

Mr. Ebenezer Farley, died Jan. 28, 1827, age about 80. Mrs. Betty Farley, his wife died January 6, 1820, age 74.

## EBENEZER FARLEY, JUNIOR.

Ebenezer Farley, Jr., son of Ebenezer and Betty Wheeler Farley, was born in Hollis, March 4, 1774. He remained with his parents during his minority. He married Abigail Farmer, September 12, 1796, and succeeded to the homestead; his father giving him one-half of the home place. He was engaged in farming and coopering, teaming the barrels to Boston with an ox team. Mr. Farley was an ardent Democrat of the Jefferson School, and brought all his boys up well grounded in the party faith.

His children were as follows: Ebenezer, born in Hollis, April 19, 1797; married Leafy Duncklee, September 16, 1817. Minot, born in Hollis, May 22, 1798; married Zeraiah Phelps, November 9, 1820; died April 26, 1875. Abigail, born in Hollis, June 2, 1800; married Silas Hardy, June 29, 1826; residence, Antrim. Betsey, born in Hollis, March 7, 1801; died September 4, 1803. Eliza, born in Hollis, February 24, 1805; died at homestead unmarried, September 25, 1848. Daniel, born December 4, 1806; married Polly Farley, March 21, 1833; died February 8, 1887; residence Hollis. Louisana, born December 4, 1808, died February 24, 1817, age 8 years. Sally born August 25, 1803; married Daniel Colburn, March 14, 1822; residence, Hollis. James, born June 10, 1813; married Martha T. Mooar April 17, 1838; residence, Hollis; died May 25, 1891. Susan, born in Hollis, June 6, 1816; died June 20, 1816. William, born January 20, 1810; married Marinda Kidder, 1844; residence, Nashua. Hannah, born August 25, 1820; died December 1, 1822. Asenath, born November 10, 1817; married Samuel Ober ———, 1858. died June 23, 1892. A daughter, born November 18, 1811; died same day.

Mr. Ebenezer Farley, Jr., died November 3, 1860, age 86. Mrs. Abigail Farley, his wife, died August 13, 1849.

## BENJAMIN FARLEY, 3RD.

Benjamin Farley, 3rd, son of Ebenezer and Betty Wheeler Farley, was born in Hollis, February 1, 1767. He married Anna Merrill, of Hudson, N. H., in 1789, and removed to Danville, Vermont; he remained only a few years, then returned to Hollis, and settled on the old Israel Mead place, on Witch Brook, below Cobbett, at North Hollis, where he engaged in farming and coopering. He was an honest hard working man, an early riser, and in fair circumstances.

His children were: Benjamin, known as Squeaker Ben., born October 3, 1789; married Mehitabel Blood in 1812; residence, Merrimac. Anna, born June 10, 1791; married Eri McDaniel, March 19, 1838. Polly, born February 18, 1794; married Benjamin Carter, November 22, 1818. Rebecca, born August 7, 1796; married Moses Hardy, Jr. Enoch, born July 22, 1798; married Abigail Hardy, April 16, 1822. Lucy, born October 13, 1803; married Reuben Baldwin 1821; died March 29, 1883. Ebenezer, born March 26, 1800; died April 29, 1800. David, born July 4, 1801; died July 5, 1801. Merrill, born May 6, 1806; died of spotted fever, January 8, 1815. Edward Page, born December 26, 1808; died of spotted fever, January 5, 1815.

Mr. Benjamin Farley, died April 27, 1827, age 60. Mrs. Anna Farley, died February 18, 1816, age 50.

## JESSE FARLEY.

Jesse Farley, son of Ebenezer and Betty Wheeler Farley, was born in Hollis, June 26, 1781. He married Mary Phelps, October 17, 1803, and settled on a part of his father's homestead farm, in the northeast part of the town near Pennichuck pond. Mr. Farley was engaged in agricultural pursuits; he was an honest, industrious and respected citizen of the town. He was well versed in the political history of the country, and being an uncompromising Jeffersonian had the faculty of imparting the knowledge he possessed to others.

His children were: Mary, born in Hollis, July 1, 1804; married John Hardy; died January 29, 1870. Jefferson, born in Hollis, January 10, 1807; died February 12, 1816, age 9 years. Leonard, born in Hollis, March 17, 1809; married Sally Mooar, September 2, 1830; died November 16, 1891. Mark, born in Hollis, March 21, 1811; married Mary S. Crosby, August 25, 1834; died June 22, 1872. John, born in Hollis, May 10, 1813; married Hannah Blood, June 7, 1837; died November 17, 1901. Albert, born in Hollis, March 28, 1815; married Sarah Fulson, in 1836; died January 13, 1840. Alfred, born March 28, 1815; married Lydia Farley, August 31, 1837; died ———; married for second wife, Mary W. Eastman, October 19, 1865. Susan, born March 13, 1817; married Rufus N. Wallingford, January 29, 1845; died December 2, 1890. Jefferson, born August 19, 1819; married Charlotte M. Farley, September 15, 1842. Harriet, born August 19, 1819; married Nathaniel G. Firnald, January 29, 1845; died December 18, 1884. Sophia P., born May 25, 1825; married John E. Foster, February 15, 1848.

Mr. Jesse Farley, died October 26, 1826. Mrs. Mary Farley, his wife, died by hanging, August 1, 1827.



## JAMES FARLEY.

James Farley, son of Ebenezer, Sr., and Betty Wheeler Farley, was born in Hollis, May 21, 1791. He assisted his father on the farm, and in the cooper shop in his youth. He married Jane Wright, January 1, 1811. She was a daughter of Samuel Wright of Hollis. Mr. Farley settled at the Cobbett place, at North Hollis, but only remained there a short time, then removed to the foot of Long Hill, at Long Pond, occupying the old James Stewart place, where he resided cultivating his snug little farm during the remainder of his life-time.

Mr. Farley was a gentleman of the old school, standing straight, and fully six feet tall. He said that when a lad during the Presidential Campaign of 1800, that his parents sent him on an errand to their neighbor, Joseph Nevins, who was an ardent Federalist, who told him if Jefferson was elected President, he would destroy the Bibles, and burn all the Churches.

His children were: Jane, born in Hollis, September 15, 1811; married Freeman Wallace, November 21, 1837; residence, Vermont. James, 3rd, born in Hollis, March 22, 1814; married Lucinda Colburn, January, 1842; residence, homestead. Susan, born in Hollis, December 12, 1817; married Alpheus Rideout; residence, Hollis. Samuel Dexter, born May 31, 1819; died unmarried. Sarah Elizabeth, born in Hollis, March 3, 1822; married Charles March, November 25, 1851; residence, Bethel, Vermont. Hannah, born in Hollis, November 16, 1824; married John Hardy, January 1, 1845. Lucy Ann, born in Hollis, ———; married Asher Jewett; residence, Dunstable, Mass. Lucretia, born in Hollis, September 28, 1831; married Nathan J. Colburn; residence, Temple and Hollis.

James Farley died at his home in Hollis, October 26, 1873, aged 82.



## CAPTAIN CALEB FARLEY.

Captain Caleb Farley, son of Joseph Farley of Billerica, was born in Billerica, October 19, 1730. He married Elizabeth Farley of Billerica, October 11, 1754, and settled at or near the old homestead, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Farley served in the old French War from Billerica, in the Crown Point expedition of 1755. He removed from Billerica to Hollis, in November, 1765, and settled at one Pine Hill, as it was called, locating at the Deacon Noah Farley place, and at once became a prominent and influential citizen, serving the town as one of their Selectmen in 1767. Mr. Farley served in the war of the Revolution, in Col. Pierce Long's Regiment, for New York, in 1776, in 1778, was Lieut. in Capt. Daniel Emerson's company for Rhode Island.

Mr. Farley buried his wife, Elizabeth, ———, and he married for second wife, Widow Lucy Shipley, November 2, 1806, but she never lived with him.

His children were: Elizabeth, born in Billerica, August 24, 1755; married Zachariah Shattuck, Jr., November 28, 1771. Joseph, born in Billerica, May 1, 1757; married Bridget Powers, December 18, 1777; killed by tree, 1782. Caleb, Jr., born in Billerica, April 3, 1759; married Abigail Phelps, April 12, 1781; residence, Hollis; had fourteen children. James, born in Billerica, April 12, 1761. Lieut. Benjamin, born in Billerica, June 27, 1763; married Mary Blodgett, February 15, 1787; residence, homestead, eleven children. John, born in Billerica, May ———, 1765. Thomas, born in Hollis, December 28, 1769; married Polly Jewell, December 16, 1794; married for second wife, Susanna Burge, April 16, 1799. Rev. Abel, born in Hollis, July 17, 1773. Pastor of Cong-Church at Goshen, Mass.; died March 22, 1817.

Capt. Caleb Farley died at his home in Hollis, April 5, 1833. Age 102 years and five months.

## SAMUEL FARLEY.

Samuel Farley, son of Benjamin and Lydia Moore Farley, was born in Billerica, Mass., in 1718. According to West Dunstable records, he came here in the spring of 1739. He was one of the signers in the second petition for a Parish Charter, December 12, 1739. He became an industrious and worthy citizen of the new settlement. Mr. Farley married Hannah Brown, October 9, 1744, and settled in that part of West Dunstable, now the east part of Brookline, on the Pepperell road at a point known as the Jim Edson place. He also signed the petition of the inhabitants of West Dunstable, asking the General Court of New Hampshire, for a scout of men to guard them against Indian invasion.

The descendants of Mr. Farley became prominent and influential citizens in the community in which they lived.

His children as published in Worcester's history were: Ebenezer, born in West Dunstable, October 9, 1745. Samuel, Jr., born in Hollis, March 14, 1747; residence, Groton. Hannah, born in Hollis, January 27, 1749. Benjamin, born in Hollis, March, 1756; married Lucy Fletcher, June 18, 1780. Anna, born in Hollis, February 19, 1768.

## BENJAMIN FARLEY, Esq.

Benjamin Farley, Esq., son of Samuel and Hannah Brown Farley, was born March 11, 1756. He remained on the paternal homestead situated in the west part of Hollis, during his minority. He enlisted into the war of the Revolution, serving in the army six months in 1776. Mr. Farley married Lucy Fletcher, June 18, 1780, after a time he settled at the Samuel Little place in Hollis, (now 1911), occupied by Mrs. Maria Shedd, where he opened a hotel, which he kept for several years. Mr. Farley's tavern was a place of popular resort, where Revolutionary stories were recited.

He was a prominent citizen and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, having served them as one of their Selectmen in 1729. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits.

His children were: Sarah and Betsey, born June 3, 1781. Betsey, married Dr. Noah Hardy, November 9, 1817. Benjamin Mark, born August 8, 1783; married Lucretia Gardner, of Leominster, Mass. Lucy, born December 26, 1784. Luther, born December 25, 1786. Charles, born October 13, 1788. Benjamin, born February 20, 1791. George Fred, born April 5, 1793; married Lucy Rice, in December, 1823; residence, New Ipswich. Percy, born September 12, 1798. Clarissa, born November 12, 1801; married Obadiah T. Eaton, April 9, 1829.

His wife, Lucy, died ————. He married for a second wife, Widow Susanna Smith, January 30, 1821.

## BENJAMIN M. FARLEY, Esq.

Benjamin Mark Farley, Esq., a son of Benjamin, Esq., and Lucy Fletcher Farley, was born in Brookline, N. H., August 8, 1783. He graduated at Harvard College in 1804. Mr. Farley settled as a lawyer in Hollis in 1808, where he continued to reside until 1855, when he removed to Boston. Upon being established in his profession, he soon rose to a high rank, and for many years had no superior at the Hillsborough County bar. Although a Whig in his political faith, his standing and popularity with his fellow-townsmen is shown by the fact that between the years 1814 and 1829, he was elected in eleven different years to represent the town in the General Court. He was for several years one of the Selectmen. At one time he was the Whig candidate for member of Congress, his party being then in the minority he failed of an election.

Mr. Farley married Lucretia Gardner, ———, and settled on Main Street, in Hollis village, where he remained until he was burned out in the spring of 1855.

His children were: Lucretia G., born January 14, 1806. Benjamin F., born November 25, 1808. John G., born October 10, 1810; died December, 1813. Lucinda, born July, 1815; died April, 1817. Sarah G., born May 18, 1817. Lucy F., born December 19, 1818. Martha, born December 19, 1818; died January, 1819.

Mrs. Lucretia Farley, wife of Benjamin M. Farley, died April 29, 1819, age 35.

Benjamin M. Farley, Esq., died September 16, 1865, aged 82.

## OLIVER BOWERS.

Oliver Bowers, belonging to the Bowers family of Chelmsford, a descendant of Jerathmael Bowers, coming to Hollis, in the spring of 1775, and settled in the Witch brook valley at North Hollis, at a place known in later years, as the John Shedd farm, the first settler there we have any record of. Mr. Bowers was influential in establishing the north cemetery near his residence in 1778. He served as sexton for this yard many years; he also served the town on various committees. On one occasion in 1787, he was elected on a famous road committee, to straighten the highway at North Hollis, commencing at the Kendall Mill place, now (1912) owned by Hayden Brothers, thence through where Maria Hill's house now stands, and along the west side of the hill coming out at the old Spalding place. This committee laid out the road, but the Selectmen refused to build it.

Mr. Bowers had three sons, who served in the Revolution from Hollis, Viz: Oliver, Jr., ———; married in 1782; resided at Old Monson. Jerathmael, ———; married Hannah Danforth, February 10, 1791; residence, Hebron. Henry, ———, was in the battle of Bennington.

For reason not apparent neither of Mr. Bowers' sons took care of him in his old age. John Shedd, of Billerica, came here in 1790, took care of Mr. Bowers, and had the place for doing it.

## JAMES BOWERS.

James Bowers, a son of John and Abiah Goodhue Bowers, was born in Dracut, Mass., February 19, 1780. He resided with his parents during his minor years. He married Polly Currior of Pelham, N. H., a daughter of Simeon and Lucy Cook Currior and subsequently settled at North Hollis, N. H., on land of Asaph Spalding on the hill west of Pennichuck pond at the Mooars place so-called. Mr. Bowers was a common farm laborer working out by the day or week. His place of residence was a small house near the Fletcher and erected by Mr. Spalding for him; he commenced life with nothing, and always remained in limited circumstances. He was married January 12, 1818.

His children were: Mary, born in Hollis, October 20, 1819; married ———; died February 24, 1863. Darius, born in Hollis, January 22, 1821; married ———; died February 13, 1898. Rebecca, born in Hollis, January ———, 1823; died young. Lucy Abiah, born in Hollis, March 22, 1826; died February 5, 1877. Ira, born in Hollis, February 14, 1828; married ———; died February 24, 1898.

Mr. James Bowers removed to Dracut, in 1828, where he died November 5, 1861.

## STEARNS NEEDHAM.

Stearns Needham, a son of John and Prudence Stearns Needham, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., February 25, 1754. He married Alice Kidder, a daughter of Jeremiah Kidder, of Tewksbury, in ———, 1779, and settled in Hollis, at a point northeast of old Monson village, now in the south part of Milford, known as the Wallingsford place. His wife, Alice, died February 14, 1780. He married for a second wife, Hannah Bailey of Andover, Mass., September 5, 1782. Mr. Needham was quite an extensive farmer, having a large landed estate. He was well versed in the art of pigeon catching; he raised hops as did most other farmers; he carried all sorts of farm products to Boston market, and brought back the silver money, from this they called him: "Old Silver Gray."

His children were: Stearns, born February 3, 1780. died the same day. Jeremiah, born February 4, 1780; died the same day. Alice, born February 4, 1780; died the same day. They were buried in North Yard at Hollis. James, born May 15, 1783; died June 8, 1783. Hannah, born March 14, 1784; married Benjamin Wallingsford, November 19, 1807; residence, homestead; died September 7, 1859. John, born November 28, 1785; married Roxana Barns, in 1820; residence, Milford; died April 25, 1824. David P., born August 9, 1787; married Melinda Keyes, May 6, 1813; died April 16, 1861. Betsey J., born March 28, 1789; married William Greenwood, March 10, 1813; residence, Ludlow, Vermont; married for second wife, Lane; married 3rd, Jones; married 4th, Wite. Samuel B., born February 8, 1791; married Abigail Hardy, November 25, 1821; residence, Bedford; died April 16, 1865. Jeremiah K., born September 20, 1792; married Olive Parker, April 18, 1816; residence, Hollis; married for second wife, Rahamah Whitney, in 1826; married for third wife, Mrs. Betsey Cogswell, in 1837; married for fourth wife, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Carlton, in 1858. Phineas S., born October 19, 1794; married Hannah G. Averill, November 24, 1818; residence, Hollis; New York and Ohio. Mary, born October 21,

1796; married Daniel Greenwood; residence, Dublin, N. H.; died July 5, 1820. Josiah Lock, born August 28, 1800; died December 7, 1821. Sarah, born February 12, 1803; died April 11, 1820. Harriet, born November 19, 1805; married Samuel Hayden, December 31, 1830; residence, Hollis; died January 9, 1869.

Mr. Stearns Needham, died at his home in Milford, February 5, 1830. Mrs. Hannah Needham, his wife, died at homestead, March 2, 1857.



## JEREMIAH K. NEEDHAM.

Jeremiah K. Needham, a son of Stearns and Hannah Bailey Needham, was born in Hollis, September 20, 1792. His matrimonial ventures was more numerous than that of most men, having been married four times. First to Olive Parker, April 8, 1816. She died January 4, 1825. He married for second wife, Ruhmer Whitney, March 29, 1826; she died October 12, 1836. For his third wife, he married Betsey Swallow Cogswell, in September, 1837; she died in 185.; and he married for his fourth wife, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Carlton, December 2, 1858. It was reported that he gave her a thousand dollars to marry him.

Mr. Needham was engaged in ordinary farming and lumbering. He was located at North Hollis, near Pennichuck Pond at the Josiah Parke place. He carried his farm products to Boston market. Mr. Needham used to team a large amount of cord wood to Nashua village, when manufacturing first began there.

His children were: Jeremiah, born January 7, 1817; married Susan Elliott, in 1844; residence, in Hollis and Brookline. Isaac Parker, born August 9, 1818; had one leg amputated; died November 19, 1838. Edmund, born March 9, 1820; married Sarah White, in 1844; residence, South Merrimac; died March 18, 1853. Walter B., born January 25, 1822; married Maria Farley; residence, Nashua; died ———. William Lock, born June 23, 1823; married Temperance Cutts, June 13, 1848; residence, Lyndsboro; died September 13, 1873. Stearns, born January 23, 1827. Benjamin Whitney, born February 17, 1828; married Hannah Willoby, ———, 1850; residence, Milford; died ———. David B., born January 27, 1830; married ———. Cornelius C., born January 28, 1832; died March 30, 1836. Warren W., born October 14, 1833; died March 5, 1834. Francis W., born March 1, 1835; died May 23, 1836. Cornelius E., born July 9, 1838; married ———; residence, in Vermont. Mary E., born June 8, 1840; married ———.

Mr. Needham died at his homestead in Hollis, August 9, 1862.

## PHINEAS S. NEEDHAM.

Phineas S. Needham, was a son of Stearns and Hannah Bailey Needham, was born in Milford, October 19, 1794. In his youth, he worked on his father's farm. He married Hannah G. Averill of Mount Vernon, N. H., November 24, 1818.

After a time learned the cloth dressers' trade, and settled at the Cobbett Mills, at North Hollis, about 1833, and continued to operate that carding and fulling mill, until about 1838, when he removed to Western New York, and after a time removed to the West part of Ohio, where he resided during the remainder of his life. That he died in Hollis, is a mistake.

Mr. Needham was one of the last to use this mill as a carding and fulling mill; about 1839, the works were taken out, and shingle and lath saws were put in.

It is stated that while Mr. Needham resided here he became involved in a quarrel with his former neighbor, Jonathan Foster, Jr., that they threatened to use guns in the melee.

Mr. Needham died in Ohio, August 15, 1849.

## REV. MANASSEH SMITH.

Rev. Manasseh Smith, son of Abijah Smith, was born at Leominster, Mass., in 1747. Of his early life, we have no history. He graduated at Harvard college, in 1773. Studied for ministry and engaged in preaching the Gospel for a time, and serving as chaplain in the army for a time during the war of the Revolution, and subsequently served as clerk of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, then commenced the study of the law. Mr. Smith married Hannah Emerson, February 17, 1774. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. Daniel Emerson, of Hollis, N. H. He removed to Hollis in 1779, and settled in the village engaging in the practice of law until 1788, when he removed to Wiscasset, Me., where he established himself in his profession and remained until the close of his life, conducting an extensive and lucrative business. His four sons graduating at Harvard college, became lawyers, and ranked high in their profession.

His children were: Hannah, born October 17, 1774; married Samuel Seavy; residence, Wiscasset. Mary, born February 1, 1776; married Ivory Hovey; residence, Berwick, Me. Lydia Rogers, born December 15, 1777; died in Wiscasset in 1858, unmarried. Manasseh, Jr., born October 16, 1779; married Olive Hovey; residence, Warren, Me.; died in 1822. Joseph E., born March 6, 1782; residence, Boston, where he died. Lucy, born September 22, 1783; died in Wiscasset in 1842, unmarried. Samuel E., born March 12, 1788; married Louisa S. Fuller; residence, Wiscasset; died March, 1860. Edwin, born in 1790; married Caroline E. Head; residence, Warren, Me.

Manasseh Smith, died at his home in Wiscasset, in 1823. Mrs. Hannah Smith, his wife, died in Wiscasset, in 1825.

## GOVERNOR SAMUEL E. SMITH.

Governor Samuel E. Smith, son of Manasseh and Hannah Emerson Smith, was born in Hollis, March 12, 1788. He graduated with distinguished honor, at Harvard College, in 1808, read law with the Hon. Samuel Dana, of Groton, Mass. He married Louisa S. Fuller, of Maine. He was admitted to the bar in Boston in 1812, and afterwards settled in his profession in Wiscasset, Maine. Mr. Smith was a member of the Massachusetts General Court in 1819 and 1820, and was a Judge of the Court of common pleas of Maine, from 1822 to 1830. In September, 1830, he was elected Governor of the State of Maine, as the Jackson or Democratic candidate, and one of the first elected on the Democratic Ticket in the United States, as he was the first and only native of Hollis, at that time, honored with the office of Chief Executive of a State.

Mr. Smith was re-elected Governor of Maine, September, 1831 and 1832, serving the State three years, very acceptably, and a very popular Governor.

After his retirement from the Governorship, he was reappointed Judge of the Court of common pleas in 1835, which office he resigned in 1837, and the same year was appointed Commissioner to revise the Statutes of Maine.

Few of all our public men who have gone out of the old Granite State, were more successful, nor held more responsible positions than did Governor Smith.

He died at his home, in Wiscasset, March 3, 1860, age 72.

## JOHN SMITH.

John Smith, a descendant of Nottingham Smiths, was born in 1748. He came from Nottingham West to Hollis prior to 1775. He married Sarah Merrill, January 3, 1775, and settled at the old Smith Homestead, situated on the West bank of the Nashua river, near Runnell's bridge.

Mr. Smith became one of the substantial citizens of the town ; engaged in farming and blacksmithing : in this last occupation he had a large share of the public patronage within his section.

Mr. Smith moved the house that stood on the premises so many years from the Lemuel Hardy place, in the south part of the town to his place, on the snow-crust, April 20, 1785, the snow three or four feet deep on level. It was said that the building was moved over all the fences, and across lots.

His children were : Margaret, born April 22, 1778 ; married Samuel Smith, April 25, 1799. Sarah, born April 25, 1778. Benjamin, born April 27, 1780 ; married Nancy Jewett, July 31, 1814. Jerusha, born October 4, 1786 ; married Anna Farrar.

John Smith died at his home, November 8, 1807, aged 59.

## PHINEAS HARDY, SENIOR.

Phineas Hardy, Sr., son of Thomas and Martha Hardy, was born in Bradford, Mass., July 11, 1726. He married Abigail Gage, in May, 1749, and settled in Bradford until the spring of 1751, when he removed to Hollis, N. H., and settled on land purchased of John Atwell, Sr., situated at the south end of Long Pond. Mr. Hardy soon engaged in agricultural pursuits, and became a respected citizen of the town. He enlisted into the Colonial Army in 1776, and was stationed at Portsmouth, N. H., three months. Mr. Hardy's political views coincided with the old Federal party, was an adherent of John Adams and a warm supporter of his administration.

His children were as follows: Elizabeth, born at Bradford, July 22, 1750; married Thomas Wakefield, November 25, 1773; residence, Amherst. Martha, born in Hollis, June 24, 1752; died August 31, 1753. Phineas, Jr., born in Hollis, June 25, 1754; married Sibbel Shattuck about 1782; residence, homestead. Thomas, born in Hollis, June 11, 1756; married Lucy Colburn, January 1, 1784; residence, Dublin. Deacon Noah, born in Hollis, September 17, 1758; married Sarah Spofford; residence, Nelson, N. H.; died December 21, 1835. Jesse, born in Hollis, December 19, 1760; married Rebecca Bailey, January 3, 1788; married for second wife, Rhoda Wood; residence, Hollis; married 3rd, Widow Mary Smith. Isaac, born in Hollis, July 9, 1763; married Mehitable Boynton, July 3, 1799; married Submit Wheat, November 13, 1788. Moses, born in Hollis, May, 1765; married Abigail Wheat, November 9, 1790; residence, Hollis. Solomon, born in Hollis, August 1, 1767; married Mary Bailey, November 1795; residence, Hollis.

Mr. Hardy died at his home in Hollis, March 7, 1813, age 86. Mrs. Abigail Hardy, died at her home, April 12, 1808, age 82.

In 1764, Mr. Hardy built the gambret-roof house at the head of Long Pond, now standing (1912) in a good State of preservation and occupied by George A. Colburn. This homestead was owned and occupied by the Hardy family about one hundred years.

## PHINEAS HARDY, JUNIOR.

Phineas Hardy, Jr., son of Phineas, Sr., and Abigail Gage Hardy, was born in Hollis, June 25, 1754. He remained at home assisting his parents during his minority. He joined the Hollis minute-men prior to the war of the Revolution, and enlisted into Captain Levi Spalding's company of Colonel James Reed's Regiment, and was present with his company at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was at Portsmouth, N. H., three months in 1776, at Cambridge, eight months in 1775. Mr. Hardy married Sibbel Shattuck, in 1782, and settled at the old homestead and cared for his parents; engaged in farming, at that time farmers raised nearly all that was required for family use. They carried surplus products to Boston market in those days, often times in an ox cart.

His children were: Isaac, born in Hollis, November 17, 1782; killed at the battle of Lake Erie, September 10, 1813. Dr. Noah, born in Hollis, March 23, 1785; married Betsey Farley, November 9, 1817; residence, Hollis. Sibbel, born in Hollis, August 5, 1787; died unmarried at homestead, in 1846. Hannah, born in Hollis, September 29, 1789; died unmarried at homestead, June 24, 1821. Captain James, born in Hollis, September 7, 1792; married Mary Smith, April 18, 1816; residence, Hollis. Submit, born in Hollis, May 13, 1795; married Moses Wood; residence, Hollis. Samuel L., born in Hollis, May 18, 1798; married Roxana Dunklee, August 19, 1821; residence, Hollis. Elizabeth, born in Hollis, April 13, 1803; married Abial Steele, November 4, 1838; residence, Amherst. John G. Hardy, born in Hollis, April 7, 1805; died October 21, 1808.

Mr. Hardy died at his home, May 7, 1835, age 81.



## JESSE HARDY, SENIOR.

Jesse Hardy, Sr., was a son of Phineas, Jr., and Abigail Gage Hardy, was born in Hollis, December 19, 1760. His boyhood days were spent on the old homestead as was that of most of New England boys. He married Rebecca Bailey, January 3, 1788, and settled on a part of the home farm situated on the hill west of Long Pond, so long known as the Amos Hardy place. Mr. Hardy's wife died February 19, 1792. He married November 25, 1793, Rhoda Wood for his second wife. She was a daughter of Abijah Wood.

Mr. Hardy was an industrious farmer and an honest and respected citizen of the town. He buried his second wife ———; and married a widow, Mary Smith, for his third. He served in the war of the Revolution at West Point three months in 1780.

His children were: Rebecca, born in Hollis, February 6, 1789; married William Colburn, May 14, 1810. Martha, born in Hollis, August 16, 1790; married Oliver Willoby, Jr., June 20, 1811. Jesse, born in Hollis, February 29, 1792, and died March 9, 1793. Jesse, born in Hollis, July 20, 1794; married Eliza Mooar, November 19, 1819; residence, Hollis. Joel born in Hollis, February 16, 1796; married Eliza Johnson, October 30, 1823; residence, Hollis. Amos, born in Hollis, September 12, 1797; married Mary Cumings, November 23, 1817; residence, homestead. Eli, born in Hollis, September 16, 1799; married Eunice B. Williams, residence, Hollis. Luther, born in Hollis, December 20, 1802; married Hannah W. Sawtelle, February 22, 1830; residence, Hollis and Francistown. Phineas, born in Hollis, April 29, 1805; died September 20, 1808. Daniel, born in Hollis, September 8, 1808; he was drowned in Long Pond one Sunday, in the summer of 1818, when about ten years old.

Mr. Jesse Hardy, died at his home in Hollis, December 29, 1816, age 56.



## ISAAC HARDY.

Isaac Hardy, son of Phineas and Abigail Gage Hardy, was born in Hollis, July 9, 1763; of his early life, we have no history. He married Submit Wheat, November 13, 1788, who died May 26, 1793. Mr. Hardy then married for a second wife, Mehitable Boynton, July 3, 1794, and settled in that part of Hollis, known as Shabkin, near Wheeler village so-called, engaged in farming; one of those quiet and unassuming citizens.

So far as the use of money was concerned, it required very little in those days to maintain a family compared to what it does now. Their main effort was to collect silver money enough in the course of the year to pay their taxes.

His children were: Isaac, born in Hollis, September 9, 1789. Abraham Temple, born in Hollis, May 7, 1792; married. Jacob, born in Hollis, November 14, 1795; ordained in the Ministry at Strong, Maine, where he died March 1, 1833. Deacon John Boynton, born November 6, 1797; married Martha Kendall, September 2, 1814; died April 19, 1880. Abraham Temple Hardy, who done so much to build the Baptist Church and society here in Hollis. He resided at the old Emerson house in Hollis village; he sold out and removed to Salem, Mass., in April, 1841.

## MOSES HARDY, SENIOR.

Moses Hardy, Sr., son of Phineas, Sr., and Abigail Gage Hardy, was born in Hollis, May 17, 1765. He married Abigail Wheat, November 9, 1790, and settled on what was formerly belonging to the Wheat Estate, situated in the east part of the town, engaged in farming. He raised up a large family of boys, and all but one, belonged to the old Federal and Whig parties as did their ancestors before them.

Like a large majority of New England farmers of his day, he was prosperous and got a good living. Those were old stage coach days; people went slow and sure.

His children were: Moses, born in Hollis, September 1, 1791; died September 28, 1794. Thomas Wheat, born in Hollis, June 6, 1794; married Mehitable Blood, January 25, 1821. Moses, Jr., born in Hollis, September 1, 1795; married Rebecca Farley; residence, Hollis. Reuben, born in Hollis, September 12, 1799; married Abigail Stearns, November 19, 1840; residence, Hollis; died July 6, 1863. Abigail, born in Hollis October 3, 1801; married Enoch Farley, April 16, 1822; residence, Hollis. Phineas, born in Hollis, May 1, 1803; married his Brother Leonard's widow, Rebecca Colburn, October 18, 1840. Leonard, born in Hollis, January 20, 1806; married Rebecca Colburn; residence, Hollis. Nathaniel, born in Hollis, January 27, 1808; married Hannah E. Parker, November 28, 1832; residence, Hollis. Joseph Wheat, born in Hollis, June 21, 1813; married Charlotte Butterfield.

## SOLOMON HARDY.

Solomon Hardy, son of Phineas, Sr., and Abigail Gage Hardy, was born in Hollis, August 1, 1767. Married Mary Bailey, November, 1795, and settled in the Northwest part of Hollis, on land formerly owned by Mrs. Hardy's father, Daniel Bailey who it was said, had land enough to give all his sons and daughters a fifty acre farm. Mr. Hardy's life work was farming always providing well for his family, but remained in moderate circumstances. His religious views were strictly Orthodox. A veritable armenian, and so exacting as any Pharisee. Mr. Hardy was a constant attendant upon public worship; carrying his family to meeting in the summer time in an ox cart; in winter he would carry them on a sled. Nearly every Sabbath, he could be seen trudging along beside his team, swinging a little short whip and saying: "haw Buck, haw Broad." This family removed to Dublin, N. H., in the spring of 1847.

His children were: Solomon, Jr., born in Hollis, September 7, 1796. Studied for the Ministry; died September 18, 1842. Mary, born in Hollis, August 8, 1798; married Gardner Mooar, June 8, 1820; died March 16, 1863. Achsah, born in Hollis, February 29, 1800; married Daniel Greenwood; residence, Dublin, N. H. Rebecca, born in Hollis, in 1802; married Daniel Greenwood, January 2, 1822; residence, Dublin, N. H. Capt. Benjamin Page, born in Hollis, in 1804; married Mary Colburn, November 8, 1832; residence, homestead and Dublin, N. H. Clarissa, born in Hollis, April 26, 1808; died in 1840, unmarried.

Mr. Solomon Hardy, died at his home, in Dublin, May 11, 1852. Mrs. Solomon Hardy, died at her home, in Dublin, March ———, 1852.

## DR. NOAH HARDY.

Dr. Noah Hardy, son of Phineas and Sibbel Shattuck Hardy, was born in Hollis, March 23, 1785. Graduated at Dartmouth college in 1812. Studied medicine, and settled in Hollis, as a Physician, about 1814, and practised here until his death. He was a member of the town superintending school committee for ten years, between the years of 1828 and 1849. He also served the town as first Selectman, and town clerk in 1830 and 1831.

At the March election of 1830, the town gave Timothy Uphan the National Republican or John Q. Adams, candidate for Governor nineteen majority. Mr. Hardy belonging to this same party was easily elected one of the Selectmen; the next year, 1831, the town went over to the Jackson party, and gave Samuel Dinsmore four majority for Governor, but still the town chose Mr. Hardy Selectman.

Dr. Hardy married Betsey Farley, November 9, 1817, and settled at the old Leonard Whiting Hotel place, in Hollis village, where he remained during his life time, respected by all who knew him. He had no children.

Mr. Hardy died at his home in Hollis, December 25, 1850.

## CAPTAIN JAMES HARDY.

Captain James Hardy, son of Phineas, Jr., and Sibbel Shattuck, was born in Hollis, September 7, 1792. He married Mary Smith, April 18, 1816, and settled for a time on the Pepperell road, south of Butterfield Hill, since known as the Samuel Little Place.

Mr. Hardy was quite prominent in military affairs, having served as Captain of the Hollis Stark Grenadiers, a Light Infantry Company, belonging to the old fifth Regiment of State Militia.

Captain Hardy was a brother of Doctor Noah Hardy, and a prominent citizen of the town, engaged in agricultural pursuits.

His children were: James, Jr., born in Hollis. Noah.

## SAMUEL L. HARDY.

Samuel Lewis Hardy, son of Phineas, Jr., and Sibbel Shattuck Hardy, was born in Hollis, May 18, 1798. He remained with his parents during his minority. He married Roxana Duncklee, of Pottsdam, New York, August 19, 1821.

Mr. Hardy settled at the old homestead at the head of Long Pond, and engaged in coopering and farming. Tradition says that he was a great story-teller; some people thought that sometimes he drew upon his own imagination for some of his stories.

He had the reputation of being a very rough and profane man, and somewhat addicted to drink.

Mr. Hardy died young, leaving the following children as found recorded: Hannah Roxana, born in Hollis, November 30, 1821; died November 16, 1835. Louella Periel, born March 16, 1824; married Charles O. Wood, June 29, 1843; died February 22, 1846. Nancy Elizabeth, born December 19, 1826.

Mr. Hardy died at the old homestead, July 13, 1829, age 31. Mrs. Hardy died November 7, 1835, at the home of her aunt, Leafy Farley, at Pine Hill, in Hollis, age 34.

## DEACON ENOS HARDY.

Deacon Enos Hardy, son of Levi and Sarah Hardy, was born March 20, 1772. In his youth he learned the Blacksmith's trade which he followed for many years. He married Mary Lund, November 10, 1797. She was the daughter of Ephraim and Alice Wheeler Lund, and settled at the North part of Hollis village, and became the village blacksmith. The clock which Deacon Hardy caused to be put upon his barn, was all the way people had of knowing when it was meeting time, until 1821, when the bell was placed in the cupola of the meeting-house. Mr. Hardy was chosen Deacon of the Hollis Church in 1816, which office he continued to hold until about 1832.

His children were: Mary, born in Hollis, December 3, 1798; married Amos B. Minot, November 25, 1819. Ephraim L., born in Hollis, October 14, 1801; married Susannah Jewett, in 1828; residence, Brookline; died November 28, 1875. Alvah, born in Hollis, September 6, 1803. Levi, born in Hollis, September 16, 1807. Louisa, born in Hollis, February 10, 1811; married William Flagg, October 4, 1837. Sarah Ann, born in Hollis, March 21, 1816.

About 1838, Deacon Hardy went to reside with his son, Ephraim at Brookline, and died there May 18, 1857.

## DEACON AARON HARDY.

Deacon Aaron Hardy, son of Aaron and Abigail Dutton Hardy, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., October 24, 1771. He married Sally Shattuck, February 12, 1795. She was the daughter of Zachariah Shattuck, Jr., born in Hollis, May 4, 1774. Mr. Hardy came to Hollis with his parents in the spring of 1774, while only about two years and a half old. They settled at the Hardy homestead near Flint's Pond. At about the age of twenty one, Mr. Hardy went to Lempster, N. H., purchased a homestead whereon he settled immediately after his marriage. He became a respected citizen of the town, was chosen Deacon of the Congregational Church. In 1834 or 1835, Deacon Hardy returned to Hollis, and settled at the top of Long Hill, where Will H. Lund, now (1913) lives.

His children were: Aaron, Jr., born in Lempster, December 1, 1795; studied for the Ministry; died of yellow fever, October 21, 1826. James, born in Lempster, December 30, 1797; married Lucy Hurd, January 1, 1824; residence, Hollis; died April 22, 1884. Reuben, born in Lempster, December 10, 1799; married Harriet Hurd, January, 1826; died January 4, 1884. Sarah, born in Lempster, May 7, 1802; died unmarried, January 2, 1833. Infant Daughter, born in Lempster, March 18, 1804; died April 28, 1804. Mary, born in Lempster, March 17, 1805; died unmarried, January 16, 1859, at Hollis. Tryphene born in Lempster, June 3, 1807; died August 19, 1809, at Lempster. Hiram, born in Lempster, February 12, 1810; married Mrs. Pamela (Kittredge), Saunderson, April 22, 1840; died February 15, 1884. Truman, born in Lempster, April 12, 1812; married Ellen Beal in 1837; died January 7, 1889. John, born in Lempster, June 19, 1814; married Hannah Farley, January 1, 1846; died January 7, 1847. Solon, born in Lempster, April 3, 1817; married Martha Chenery, April 22, 1846; died March 18, 1903.

Mr. Hardy died suddenly.



## JAMES RIDEOUT, SENIOR.

James Rideout, Sr., probably a descendant of the Marblehead Rideouts, was born in 1741. Married Molley. He purchased one thousand acres (1000) of land on the West side of Nashua river above the mine-falls of Ebenezer Perry, of Wilton, N. H., under date of 1762, and settled here about this time at a place on the interval known as the Bowditch place. He served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis, was at the battle of Bennington in August, 1777. Mr. Rideout became a large land holder.

His children as found recorded in Hollis records were: James, Jr., born April 20, 1765; married Sally Spalding, December 26, 1785; residence, Hollis. Polly, born November 12, 1767; married Ebenezer Jewett, March 15, 1792. Joseph, born January 7, 1771; who died young. Esther, born March 6, 1772; married Daniel Blood, Jr., April 19, 1796. Joseph, born March 27, 1774; married Rhoda Jaquith. Hannah, born November 1, 1776; married Samuel Parker, January 2, 1801; residence, Greenfield. David, born May 23, 1779; married Keziah Woods, November 26, 1801. Betsey, born July 1, 1783. Lydia, born July 1, 1787; married Eli Hunt, December 26, 1805; residence, Peterboro.

Mr. James Rideout, died December 22, 1809, age 68. Mrs. Molley Rideout, died July 22, 1815, age 74.

Mr. James Rideout came here from Nottingham, West, about 1762.

## JAMES RIDEOUT, JUNIOR.

James Rideout, Jr., son of James, Sr., and Molly Rideout, was born in Hollis, April 20, 1765. He married Sally Spalding, a daughter of Edward Spalding, December 26, 1785, and settled in the east part of Hollis, on the old homestead of the Rideout family, engaged in farming and job work of various kinds. He was killed by the upsetting of his load of hoop poles, while on his way to Boston, January 11, 1821.

His children were: James, 3rd, born March 28, 1787; married Edah Kinney, February 21, 1809; residence, Quincy. Sarah, born April 20, 1789; died unmarried October 28, 1835; residence, Hollis. Mary, born July 7, 1791; married Amos Wheeler, November 1, 1813; residence, Hollis. Anna, born ———, 1793; married November 17, 1813, Thomas Hamblett; residence, Nashua. Luther, born ———, 1795; married Nancy Richardson, in 1823; residence, Hollis. Ebenezer, born June, 1797; married Eliva Fisk, ———, 1820; residence, Brookline. Calvin, born ———; married Hannah Ranger; residence, homestead. Thankful, born May 5, 1802; married Elias Colburn, April 13, 1830; residence, Hollis. Alpheus, born ———, 1804; married Lydia S. Powers, August 13, 1829; married for second wife, Susan Farley; married for third wife, Hannah Russell, November 19, 1855.

## SAMUEL HAYDEN.

Samuel Hayden, son of Josiah and Sarah Hayden, was born in Sudbury, Mass., about 1735. His occupation was that of a farmer. He is credited as serving in the old French war from Sudbury. He came to Monson, N. H., in 1760, and purchased of Jonathan Taylor the farm that for over one hundred and fifty years, has been known as the Hayden homestead, situated in the Northwest part of Hollis, between the Witch Brook valley and the foothills beyond, now (1913) owned and occupied by Hon. Daniel W. and David N. Hayden.

Mr. Samuel Hayden was engaged here in farming, raising large crops of corn and rye. He belonged to the Monson Militia, and played the snare drum for his company. There is no record of his ever having a family.

Mr. Hayden died suddenly, September 1792, in the 58th year of his age, leaving the homestead farm to his nephew, Josiah Hayden.

## JOSIAH HAYDEN.

Josiah Hayden, son of Thomas and Mary Ball Hayden, was born in Sudbury, Mass., January 13, 1763. His father died while he was young, and he was committed to the care of his uncle, Samuel Hayden of Hollis, and came here to reside with him, when only about four or five years old. He married Mary Patch, a daughter of Thomas Patch, April 19, 1797, and succeeded to the homestead, engaging in agricultural pursuits. He was a prosperous and successful farmer, with other produces, raised hops to some extent.

His children were: Mary, born April 26, 1798; married Daniel Walker, December 25, 1817; residence, Marlboro. Captain Samuel, born March 13, 1800; married Harriet Needham, December 31, 1830; residence, homestead. Lydia, born July 15, 1802; died unmarried October 8, 1849, age 47. Josiah, born October 10, 1803; married Submit Swallow, October 8, 1840; married for second wife, Mahala Millard, November 24, 1858; residence, Hollis; died ———. Sarah, born June 11, 1805; married Daniel Shedd. Thomas Walker, May 30, 1807; married Julia Peacock. Daniel, born June 28, 1809; married ———. Willard, born August 13, 1812; married Phebe S. Dunclee, April 24, 1845; residence, Amherst. Susan, born September 9, 1814; married Abel Colburn.

Mr. Josiah Hayden, died at his home, in Hollis, February 23, 1816, age 53. Mrs. Mary Hayden, his wife, died at the homestead, August 17, 1850, age 77.

## CAPTAIN SAMUEL HAYDEN.

Captain Samuel Hayden, a son of Josiah and Mary Patch Hayden, was born in Hollis, March 13, 1800. His father died when he was about sixteen years old. The management of the homestead and the care of a large family devolved upon him; in this he was assisted somewhat by the advice of his neighbor, Captain Daniel Bailey, who proved a friend in time of need. Mr. Hayden married Harriet Needham, December 31, 1830; she was a daughter of Stearns Needham of Milford. Mr. Hayden succeeded to the homestead, was successful farmer. He could manage and drive a pair of oxen better than any man that stood at Hollis. A man of considerable influence, was guardian of minor heirs, etc.; he accumulated quite a property. Mr. Hayden was prominent in military affairs, serving as orderly Sargent of Hollis, old fifth Company of Infantry, belonging to the fifth Regiment, of State Militia, was ensign and Lieutenant of this company under the command of Captain John Mooar, and succeeded him in 1836, as Captain of that company.

His children were: Samuel Franklin, born February 8, 1833; married Melissa Rideout, September 11, 1856; residence, Hollis. Harriet Emily, born July 19, 1836; married Jackson E. Rideout, September 11, 1856; residence, Brookline. John Willard, born June 12, 1838; died in the service ———, 1862. Hon. Daniel Webster, born June 1, 1840; married Ann. E. Talbot. David Needham, born August 1, 1842; Elizabeth, born June 20, 1844; married John L. Woods, October ———, 1863; residence, Hollis.

Mrs. Harriet, wife of Captain Hayden, died January 11, 1869, age 64.

Captain Samuel Hayden, died at his home, March 25, 1880, age 80.

## RICHARD BAYLEY.

Richard Bayley, the old Monson shoe cobbler, was a descendant of Richard Bayley, who came over from England in the ship *Bevis*, in 1638, and settled in Salem, Mass. From here his numerous descendants went over New England. Mr. Bayley was located in Monson, prior to 1760; one of those early settlers of Monson village, a plebeian who helped to make up the population of the pioneer settlement.

Mr. Bayley was a shoe-maker by trade, and as the shoe cobbler of Monson, used to take his bench and kit of tools and going from house to house doing such making and repairing as each family might want.

At one place where there were four grown up daughters, the Mistress of the house planned hasty pudding for supper, and had put the kettle containing it at the open fire place, after satling it left the room, then number one girl came in and salted the pudding and went out; this process was repeated until the four girls had salted it. Mr. Bayley seeing the pudding was spoiled, put the remainder of the salt in, and went out.

Tradition does not state who ate the pudding.

## JOSEPH ESTABROOK.

The Estabrooks were descended from a ministerial family ; Joseph and Mary Mason, his wife, came over from Ipswich High Suffolk Co., England in 1634 ; and settled in Concord, Mass., and subsequently removed to Lexington. He was a tanner by trade ; a descendant, Joseph Estabrook, located at the southeast part of Monson, N. H., very early in its settlement, coming here prior to 1750, erecting his log hut, clearing the forest, and commenced farming. His residence was on that rude bridle path leading from the Wincol Wright Mill to the Parker Pond valley.

His place is still known as the Estabrook land. He dealt in real estate to some extent. Mr. Estabrook's name disappears from the records here shortly after the Revolution. He married Lydia ———.

His children were : Mary, born in Monson, April 20, 1751. Elizabeth, born in Monson, November 2, 1753. Lydia, born in Monson, January 24, 1761. Joseph, Jr., born in Monson, March 28, 1764.

Some of this family went to Hancock, N. H.

## JOHN BROOKS.

John Brooks, son Nathan and Sarah Wyman Brooks, was born in Woburn, Mass., in 1735. He came from Woburn to Hollis, prior to 1756. He married Mary Kemp, January 5, 1757, and settled at the Joseph Ober place in the southwest part of the town.

Mr. Brooks served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis, enlisting into the Continental army for eight months in 1777, was in the northern campaign. His occupation was that of a farmer while residing in Hollis.

His children as given in Worcester history page 368 were: Mary, born in Hollis, December 3, 1757; married Isaac Boynton, August 24, 1780. John, Jr., born in Hollis, February 24, 1760; married Elizabeth Woods, March 18, 1784. Nathan, born in Hollis, August 26, 1767. Abigail, born in Hollis, December 6, 1770. Hannah, born in Hollis, August 20, 1772; married John Powers, November 28, 1793. Ruth, born in Hollis, January 15, 1775.

Mr. John Brooks, died in Hollis, ———, in 1792. Mrs. Brooks, married for a second husband, Nehemiah Wood, and died in 1811.



## CAPTAIN WILLIAM BROOKS.

Captain William Brooks, son of Nathan and Sarah Wyman Brooks, was born in Woburn, Mass., March 3, 1737. He came to Hollis from Woburn, prior to 1758. He married Abigail Kemp, March 29, 1759, and settled in the southwest part of the town, near the Eri Daniels place. Mr. Brooks served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis as Ensign in Captain Daniel Emerson's company. Colonel Moses Nichols' Regiment for the Rhode Island expedition of August, 1778, and again in the Continental army three months in 1781.

Mr. Brooks removed to Lyndeborough, N. H., after the Revolution, where he remained an honorable and respected citizen; he died in Lyndeborough, October 11, 1804.

His children were all born in Hollis: William, Jr., born May 1, 1760; married Deboeah Parker, April 24, 1782. Abigail, born July 19, 1762; married Solomon Hobart, May 16, 1782. Betsey, born July 23, 1764; married Shubael Parker, November 19, 1781. Sarah, born July 6, 1766; married John Bonner, October 26, 1786. Isaac, born October 28, 1768; married ———. Margaret, born February 15, 1771; married David Woods, June 15, 1798; residence, Hancock. Samuel, born March 3, 1774; married ———. Martha, born August 23, 1776. Captain Leonard, born January 29, 1779; married Sarah J. Hosley, April 27, 1806; residence, Milford. John, born November 11, 1781. Susannah, born February 12, 1783.

Mr. Captain Brooks, married Hepzibah Powers; for second wife, September 20, 1787.

## SAMUEL PARKER, JUNIOR.

Samuel Parker, Jr., son of Samuel and Deborah Prescott Parker, was born in Groton, Mass., September 28, 1715. He married Mary Lakin, of Groton, Mass., March 23, 1739, and resided near the old homestead in Groton, until the spring of 1741, when at this time he removed to West Dunstable, N. H., and settled near Pine Hill.

Mr. Parker was engaged in farming and doing such work as a pioneer settler had to do. Mr. Parker came in possession of land at a pond lying West of Pine Hill, whereon he erected a mill on the stream flowing East from the pond, which he operated a few years; this pond has been known from that day to this as: Parker Pond. It was said that a part of this mill was moved to the Wincol Wright place.

His children were: Samuel, born April 7, 1740; married Rebecca Hunt, December 27, 1768. Eleazer, born March 30, 1744; married Dinah Farnsworth, February 3, 1763. Lemuel, born March 4, 1747. Lucy, born March 29, 1750; married Solomon Pierce, March 19, 1771. Mary, born March 27, 1753; married Joshua Boynton, May 26, 1778. Esther, born May 21, 1755.

## SIMEON BLOOD.

Simeon Blood, was born about 1740. He came to Hollis at some time during the war of the Revolution, from Dunstable; apparently not immediately connected with the other Bloods residing in Hollis. He married Rhoda Youngman, June 15, 1780; she was a daughter of Nicholas Youngman, born in Dunstable, N. H., March 4, 1756.

Mr. Blood after his marriage, settled at old Monson place, residing here and at different places at North Hollis, a few years. He enlisted into the Colonial service, in Captain John Goss's company, was at the battle of Bennington, in 1777. In 1778 enlisting into Captain John House Co., of the first N. H. Continental Regiment, for two years, and in the northern Frontier six months in 1780.

Mr. Blood was one of the forty petitioners who resided in the north part of Hollis, that petitioned the New Hampshire General Court to reincorporate the old Township of Monson, under date of May 23, 1782.

They proposed having Peacock village, situated in the south part of Amherst, for the middle of their town, but Hollis and Amherst opposed the request, and no action was taken by the Legislature.

Simeon Blood, served in the old French War in Captain Nehemiah Lovewell's company for the Crown Point expedition of 1758, from April 27, to October 16.

## JOHN WHITING.

John Whiting, was born in Billerica, Mass., a descendant of the Rev. Samuel Whiting, emigrant ancestor of the Hollis Whittings, who was born in Boston, Lincolnshire Co., England, about 1596; graduated from Cambridge University, in 1620, and was a non-conformist rector at Lynn Regis; who married Elizabeth St. John. She encouraged her husband to follow John Cotton, and other non-conformists to America.

And soon after coming to New England, was settled over the first church in Lynn, Mass., in 1637. Mr. John Whiting held the office of Cornet in Billerica, under Crown of Great Britain. He married and later in life removed to Littleton, Mass., where after a time he was proprietor of a Hotel, which was used several years.

His children were: John, Jr., born ———. James, born ———; married Mary Douglas, August 2, 1757. Benjamin, born ———; married Grace Hall. Captain Leonard, born about 1740; married Anna Hall, August 23, 1761.

## CAPTAIN LEONARD WHITING.

Captain Leonard Whiting, son of John Whiting, was born in Billerica, Mass., in 1740. He married Anna Hall, April 23, 1761, and settled in Littleton, Mass., where he was proprietor of the tavern in Littleton for a time, was also an extensive real estate owner. He received his commission as Captain, during his service in the French and Indian War. He was at Crown Point, and was present at the surrender of Quebec as Captain of the Westford company.

He settled in Hollis prior to 1770; he held the office of High Sheriff of Hillsborough County, from 1771 to the Revolution by appointment of the British Crown. A loyalist, his treason to the Colonial cause consisted in a soldier's loyalty to the government whose commissioned officer he was, but this did not deter the patriots from lodging him in Amherst jail on the charge of being inimical to the rights and liberties of the United Colonies. He was detected while carrying treasonable despatches from Canada to Boston to the British officers, by the women of Pepperell under the leadership of Mrs. Prudence Wright, in April, 1775. After the war, Mr. Whiting removed to Cavendish, Vt., where he spent the remainder of his years a respected and influential citizen.

His children were: Anne, born in Hollis, August 12, 1763; married Dr. Oliver Prescott, February 22, 1791; residence, Groton. Leonard, Jr., born in Hollis, August 25, 1765; married Betsey Conant, January 28, 1793; residence, Hollis; died January 1807; married for second wife, Rebecca Nevins Gilson, March 18, 1800. Mary, born in Hollis, August 25, 1767. Grace, born in Hollis, September 12, 1769. Abigail, born in Hollis, March 25, 1772. Stephen, born in Hollis, February 20, 1774.

Mr. Whiting, while living in Hollis, resided at the Dr. Noah Hardy place, and kept hotel some of the time when here.

## LEONARD COMBS.

Leonard Combs, son of Isaac and Elizabeth N. Quaid Combs, was born in Amherst, in 1800; his father died when he was young, and he went to reside with Benjamin Rogers, of North Hollis. While living with Mr. Rogers, learned the trunk makers' trade, which he worked at during his remaining years.

He married Lucinda Duncklee, November 16, 1830, and settled with Mr. Rogers, at North Hollis. Mr. Combs continued the manufacturing of trunks for the Lowell market, was an honest hard-working man in limited circumstances.

He removed to Nashua, about 1840, where he worked at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1855, at Nashua, is buried in North Yard at Hollis. He left no children.

His widow, married for a second husband, Daniel Bixby, of Francistown, N. H., November 8, 1855, and settled in Francistown; she survived Mr. Bixby several years, and died on the County Farm in 1898, aged 90 years.

## DANIEL BAILEY, 3RD.

Daniel Bailey, 3rd, son of Captain Daniel and Elizabeth French Bailey, was born in Hollis, December 31, 1793. He married Lucy Baldwin, in November, 1821, and succeeded to the homestead farm; he was an honest and industrious citizen of the town. Mr. Bailey as did his father before him, carried on hard wood coopering to some extent, hiring help to make the barrels, he used to team them to Boston, carrying provision enough to last the round trip.

Aside from his coopering business, he was engaged in farming and milling, doing a prosperous business, was considered one of the well-to-do farmers, of Hollis.

Mr. Bailey never enjoyed very good health, and after a season of illness, he succumbed to that dread destroyer consumption, causing his death in his thirty-fifth year.

His children were: Daniel, 4th, born August 13, 1822; married Addie Burt, in 1884; residence, homestead; died in 1889. William F., born July 19, 1823; died August 31, 1825. Elizabeth, born ———, 1826; married Isaac Van Dyke, March ———, 1852; died November ———, 1906. Infant Daughter, born ———, 1828; lived only a few days.

Mr. Bailey, died at his home in Hollis, ———, 1828. Mrs. Lucy Bailey, died at her home, in Hollis.

## ZEBULON WHEELER.

Zebulon Wheeler, son of James, Jr., and Mary Butterfield Wheeler, was born in Monson, January 20, 1768. He married Mrs. Mary Pool Kendrick, widow of Daniel Kendrick, Jr., and settled at Patch Corner, in Hollis, at the old Kendrick homestead, on Amherst road, October 24, 1701. Mr. Wheeler helped to make up the number of denizens living at his quaint old section of Hollis, that was sometimes called Skiltshire.

Mr. Wheeler was engaged at farming. It was said of him, that work, and he, had a falling out, in his younger days, and that he ever after held his own remarkably well.

Mr. Wheeler, buried his wife, Mary, about ———, 1810, and shortly after went to Morristown, N. Y., and it was reported that he married again.

His children were: Bridget, born May 20, 1792; married James Davis, November 22, 1810; Mason. Sally, born May 2, 1794; married John Ball, ———, 1816. Lucinda, born January 1, 1800; married Calvin Willoughby, May 1, 1823. Benjamin, born August 12, 1802; died young. Luther, born September 26, 1803; died February 14, 1816. Calvin, born June 27, 1805; married Sarah J. Hoit, in 1832. Loisa, born September 3, 1807; married Charles Farnsworth.



## DEACON BENJAMIN MESSER, JUNIOR.

Deacon Benjamin Messer, Jr., son of Benjamin and Mary Messer, was born in Hollis, March 27, 1784. He married Abigail Holt, December 18, 1810. She was a daughter of Fifield Holt. He settled at the Warner Lund place, in Hollis village. His occupation was that of a house carpenter. He worked at his trade most of the time while living in Hollis. Mr. Messer resided in Hollis, until about 1826 or 1827, when he removed to Hardscrabble, and settled first at the Thomas W. Hayden place. Subsequently built a house north of the mill on the Crickett Corner road, and located there, since known as the Alden Youngman place.

Mr. Messer helped to build the meeting-house at South Merrimack, upon the organization of the Church, he was chosen one of the Deacons, which office he filled as long as he remained here. Mr. Messer was an ardent Henry Clay Whig, and sustained Whig principles generally.

About 1859 or 60, he removed to Minnesota, where he spent the remainder of his days.

His children were: Benjamin Edmund, born in Hollis, February 22, 1812; went to Washington, D. C. Mary, born January 28, 1815; died October 22, 1820. Betsey, born February 12, 1818; died October 28, 1820. Fifield Holt, born July 5, 1822; married ——— Elliot, in 1845; died in service. Charles N., born November 26, 1824; died November 22, 1825. William Alfred, born August 14, 1829; went to Minnesota with his father.

## JOHN POWERS.

John Powers, son of Jonathan and Susanna Willoughby Powers, was born in Dunstable, N. H., March 9, 1766. He married Hannah Brooks, November 28, 1793, and settled at his father's homestead in Dunstable, near Hollis line, he was engaged in company with his father in real estate deal.

He remained on the homestead farm until about 1805, when he removed to the Pine Hill section of Hollis, occupying a farm, where he resided during the remainder of his days, an honest and respected citizen.

His children were: John, Jr., born in Dunstable, August 25, 1796. Nathan, born in Dunstable, December 8, 1798; married Rhoda C. Butterfield, December 16, 1820. Noah, born in Dunstable, November 13, 1802; married ———, September 20, 1832. Isaac, born in Dunstable, October 14, 1804; married Ellenor Whiting, January 1, 1828. Ira, born in Hollis, September 22, 1806; married ———. William P., born in Hollis, April 24, 1812; died in Boston, February 26, 1846.

Mr. John Powers, died at his home, in Hollis, November 6, 1815, age 49, was buried at the Pine Hill Yard.

## CAPTAIN SOLOMON ROGERS.

Captain Solomon Rogers, a veteran of the Revolutionary war, was born in 1729. Served in the war of Independence from Stow, Mass., was in the service in 1775 and 1776. He was a Captain of Infantry. He came early in 1777 to Pepperell, Mass., and engaged in blacksmithing that being his trade. He had the misfortune to have his dwelling house entirely destroyed by fire one Sunday morning during the month of August, of that year. Soon after this, Mr. Rogers removed to Hollis, N. H., locating here on North Main Street, and became the village blacksmith.

Mr. Rogers served as town treasurer from 1781 to 1786. He remained in town during the rest of his life. There is no record of his ever having a family.

Mr. Rogers, died December 21, 1787, aged 58 years. Is buried in the church yard at Hollis.

## CAPTAIN JOHN CLAPP.

Captain John Clapp, a veteran soldier of the Revolutionary war, was born in North Hampton, N. H., in 1757. Enlisting from North Hampton to serve during the war. He was with the American army at Valley Forge, in 1778, during the terrible privation and suffering of that winter. They frequently had no food to eat for days at a time, more than three thousand men had no shoes, and bloody imprints marked their daily round of duty.

Mr. Clapp said that during that terrible winter, General Washington ordered men detailed out to mix white clay with their flour, to make the flour hold out, and that he was one of those soldiers who helped to do it, and said he could shoulder a barrel of flour as quick as any man in the army.

Mr. Clapp was a man that weighed over two hundred pounds; he was appointed Captain of Infantry, which position he held several years. He married Polly ———, and subsequently settled in the town of Merrimack, N. H., from this place, he removed to North Hollis, in 1836, locating at the Lot Mooar place.

He had a son, Daniel, who resided at Nashua for a time.

Mr. Clapp died at his home, in Hollis, December 12, 1837, age 80. His wife, Polly, died May 4, 1842. They were buried in North Yard.

## EPHRAIM LUND, JUNIOR.

Ephraim Lund, Jr., son of Ephraim and Rachel Pierce Lund, was born in Dunstable, August 25, 1745. He learned the blacksmith trade while young. He went to Plymouth, N. H., with his father, in 1765, and engaged in milling. From this place they removed to Warren, N. H., in 1770, where they built a mill, and continued in the business for several years.

Mr. Lund married Alice Wheeler, May 12, 1772. She was a daughter of Peter Wheeler, of Hollis. He removed to Hollis, in 1776, settling at the north part of the village, and engaging in blacksmithing; this business he continued until about 1800, when he was succeeded by his son-in-law, Deacon Enos Hardy.

Mr. Lund served in the war of the Revolution from Hollis, at Cambridge three months in 1775, and in Captain Daniel Emerson's company, in 1777.

His children were: Hannah, born in Warren, September 7, 1772. Sally, born in Warren, March 8, 1774; married Samuel Barron, January 24, 1793. Alice, born in Warren, April 19, 1776. Mary, born in Hollis, May 21, 1778; married Deacon Enos Hardy, November 10, 1797. Ephraim, born in Hollis, August 14, 1780; died April 6, 1789. Stephen, born in Hollis, October 29, 1783; married Rachel Shedd, January 22, 1806. Ebenezer, born in Hollis, July 10, 1786; married ———; residence, Brookline; died in 1832.

Mr. Ephraim Lund, died August 28, 1820. Mrs. Alice Lund, died October 6, 1798.

## ZACHARIAH SHATTUCK, JUNIOR.

Zachariah Shattuck, Jr., son of Zachariah and Elizabeth Fisk Shattuck, was born in Monson, November 24, 1747. Remained with his parents during his minority. He married Elizabeth Farley, November 28, 1771, and settled at the homestead, situated in the extreme southeast part of Monson, where many of his numerous descendants occupied those bleak pine plains, extending from the Pine Hill section of old Dunstable on the east, to the foot hills on the west, a large territory subsequently settled by the Shattuck family known as the Boston place.

Mr. Shattuck served in the war of the Revolution, was at Cambridge three months.

His children: Elizabeth, born in 1772; married James Bell. Sally, born May 4, 1774; married Aaron Hardy, February 12, 1795. Mary, born March 9, 1776; married Abijah Gould, October 10, 1804. Isaac, born April 9, 1778; married Hannah Mooar, September 17, 1807. Zachariah, 3rd, born July 23, 1781. Abel, born September 21, 1782; married Esther Gilman. Joseph, born January 20, 1785; died unmarried, January 31, 1876. Amos, born January 11, 1793; married Margaret Ball.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shattuck, died March 22, 1838, age 83.

## JAMES PARKER.

James Parker, son of Lieutenant Levi and Abigail Pool, was born in Westford, Mass., in August, 1787. He remained with his father during his minority and learned the blacksmith trade. He removed to Hollis from Westford about 1808, locating at Patch corner, and commenced blacksmithing with his father, which business he continued successfully about fifty years.

Mr. Parker was one of the renowned fifers in this section of the state; those clear piercing fife notes were heard on Muster days, and all other times when the militia was called out; he was known as fifer Jim.

Mr. Parker married Betsey Wright, December 28, 1813, and resided west of the school-house at Patch Corner. Mr. Parker kept a Genealogical record of nearly all those families living in the North part of Hollis, which, if preserved, would likely be in the hands of his descendants; this would be of immense value to the local historian. Mr. Parker buried his wife, Betsey, September 5, 1825. He married Susan Woods for a second wife, July 13, 1827.

His children were: James, Jr., born in Hollis, April 1, 1815; married ————. George, born in Hollis, March 13, 1817; married ————. Emerline, born in Hollis, January 18, 1822. William, born in Hollis, February 8, 1824.

## MAJOR JAMES WHEELER.

Major James Wheeler, son of Lieutenant Thaddeus and Elizabeth Farmer Wheeler, was born in Hollis, August 6, 1785. He married Dorcas Mooar, a daughter of Jacob Mooar, April 23, 1817, and settled at the Nevins place situated in the northeast part of Hollis, near Pennichuck pond, purchasing this farm containing over two hundred acres, of the Joseph Nevins, Heins, for the sum of (\$2800) twenty-eight hundred dollars, under date of January 23, 1816. In addition to his farming, he was engaged in hard wood coopering to some extent, it was principally by this means that he was enabled to pay for his place.

Mr. Wheeler was prominent in military affairs, having served as Captain of the Hollis Infantry company of State Militia, and served as Major of the old fifth Regiment of State Militia. Mr. Wheeler was honorable in all his dealings, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, whom he served as Selectman in 1840 and 1841. Represented the town in the Legislature of 1856 and 1857.

His children were: James W., born June 7, 1819; married Kezeah Wheeler, June 4, 1848; residence, Hollis. Mary Ann, born April 3, 1821; married Andrew J. Spalding, February 6, 1844; residence, Hollis. Emeline, born December 5, 1822; married James Blood, November 18, 1847; residence, Hollis and Milford. Jackson E., born ———; succeeded to homestead; died unmarried. Louisa M., born March 12, 1828; married Edward Hardy, ———; residence, Hollis. Charles H., born February 5, 1832; married Laura Hartwell, September 28, 1859; residence, Boston. Hannah M., born June 30, 1830; married Nathaniel Pierce, March 11, 1858; residence, Milford. George F., born September 12, 1833; married Lottie Boswell, November 28, 1861; residence, Nashua.

Major James Wheeler died at the homestead, February 26, 1870. Mrs. Dorcas, his wife, died at the homestead, August 25, 1885.



## MOSES TRUELL.

Moses Truell, son of Amos and Lucy Clark Truell, was born in Amherst, N. H., April 27, 1783. He married Eda Holt, in 1810, and settled on the old homestead situated in the east part of Amherst, engaged in farming. His wife died June 26, 1825. He married for a second wife, Ruth L. Fowle, of Amherst, November 23, 1826.

Mr. Truell removed to Merrimack, N. H., in the spring of 1829, where he resided until 1835; he then went to Dunstable, N. H., remaining here until the spring of 1838, when he removed to Brattle's End, Dunstable, going back to Nashua, in 1845, and moving to Hollis, in 1846, where he remained the rest of his days. He was an honest and respected citizen of the town, an uncompromising Jackson Democrat, a subscriber and reader of the Nashua Gazette.

His children were: Moses, Jr., born in September, 1811. Sarah, born in September, 1813. Charles, born ———, 1815. Eda, born ———, 1817. Rachel, born April 12, 1829; died April 24, 1865. Martha J., born May 27, 1831; died September 28, 1874. Charles H. F., born October 13, 1834; died March 17, 1836. Nathaniel L., born June 5, 1838; married Sarah E. Marshall, December 6, 1865. Eliza Ann, born June ———, 1843; died January 19, 1845. Eliza Ann, born December 12, 1845; died unmarried February 24, 1879.

Moses Truell, died at the homestead in Hollis, August 13, 1867. Mrs. Truell, died August 16, 1880.

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN MOOAR.

Lieut. Colonel John Mooar, son of Jacob and Dorcas Hood Mooar, was born in Hollis, August 11, 1796. His advantages for schooling were limited; there was not more than six or eight weeks of schooling in a year. He married Rebecca Abbott, of Milford, December 17, 1816, and settled at the Ben Nevins place on Mooars hill, at North Hollis, engaging in farming, and later in carrying on the Kendall Mill property company with Enoch Farley and Joseph W. Hardy.

Mr. Mooar was well versed in the art of pigeon catching, used to ship large lots to Boston market. He was also engaged in the manufacturing of red oak fish bottels, which he carried to Boston market. Mr. Mooar was prominent in Militia affairs, was commissioned Captain of the old fifth company of Infantry in Hollis, from April 20, 1830, to August, 1836, was appointed Major, then Lieutenant Colonel and as such commanded the old fifth Regiment of State Militia at the famous Hardscrabble Muster, September 5, 1838. He served the town as second Selectmen in 1862.

His children were: John, Jr., born February 20, 1820; married Lucinda Dodge, December 17, 1846; married for second wife, Hattie A. Zayles, February 6, 1868; residence, Manchester. Humphrey, born July 27, 1821; married Susan H. Taylor, December 8, 1853; residence, Lawrence. Lot, born May 21, 1827; married Louisa C. Davis, December 9, 1858; residence, Hollis. Rebecca Jane, born May 22, 1829; married Jacob E. Sargent, November 22, 1848; residence, Michigan. Dr. Jacob W., born March 7, 1831; married Linda M. Hunter, June 20, 1878.

Mr. Mooar buried his wife, Rebecca, and married her sister, Deborah.

Colonel John Mooar, died at his homestead, March 31, 1869. His wife, Rebecca, died November 11, 1860. He married her sister, Deborah, for second wife.

## BENJAMIN DODGE.

Benjamin Dodge, a descendant of the New Hampshire Dodges, whose progeny came by way of the New Boston Dodges, came to Hollis from Londonderry, in the spring of 1839, and settled at the Cobbett place on Witch Brook, at North Hollis; this place he purchased in company with one Luther Upham, of Vermont.

Mr. Dodge was engaged here in sawing shingles and laths, which he sold in the Nashua and Lowell markets. He took out the Cobbett carding and fulling machines, which had been utilized to accommodate the people of Hollis in making their homespun clothing, for about forty years.

Mr. Dodge was a man somewhat lenient in principle. It was said that he was living with his fourth wife while here, whom he buried in November, 1844. This family was broken up in spring of 1845. It was understood that he went to Derry, N. H.

His children were: Mary Ann. James. Woodbury. Lucinda, married John Mooar, Jr.; residence, Manchester. Augusta M. Susan Margaret. Martha Jane. Laura Dodge Mooar, born June, 1844; married Taylor Blunt; resided in Virginia.

## STEPHEN AMES.

Ensign Stephen Ames, son of John and Priscilla Kimball Ames, was born in Boxford, Mass., September 1, 1712. He married Jane Robbins, of Groton, Mass., April 14, 1731, settled there, engaged in farming and milling until 1739, when he removed to West Dunstable. Mr. Ames located on Beaver Brook at Fog-end, now in the southwest part of Hollis, where he built his log hut, and erected a saw-mill, which he operated several years.

Mr. Ames was a prominent man in the new settlement. He was chosen delegate to the first County Congress, which met at Amherst, November 8, 1774, and also chosen Representative to the General Court of New Hampshire, in 1775, 1776, and 1777. Mr. Ames' father was killed by the Indians in Groton, July 24, 1726.

Ensign Ames' children were: Jane, born in Groton, December 6, 1733. Hannah, born in Groton, April 28, 1737. Stephen, born in Groton, March 4, 1739. Elizabeth, born in Groton, February 10, 1742. Rachel, born in Groton, December 12, 1744. Jonathan, born in Groton, April 11, 1747; married Frances Powers, November 11, 1772. David, born in Groton, May 30, 1749; married Anna Wright, March 22, 1781. Francis, born in Groton, May 1, 1751. Benjamin, born in Groton, December 4, 1753. Mr. Stephen Ames went to Grafton County, N. H.

Mr. Ames served as one of the Selectmen in 1747, 48, 62, 67, 73, 75, 76, 77, and 1779. He also served in the old French War, in 1757, in Captain Gage company from August 21, to November 2.

## REUBEN BALDWIN, ESQUIRE.

Reuben Baldwin, Esq., son of Jeremiah and Rebeckah Baldwin, was born in Billerica, Mass., July 28, 1798, and immediately moved to Greenfield, N. H., with his parents. There is a tradition that his father died while he was young, and that he went to live with his uncle, in Hancock, N. H., where he remained during his minority. He then started out to make his way in the world, with his entire effects done up in a bandanna-handkerchief coming to Hollis, and subsequently found employment at Benjamin Farley's at North Hollis, where he made his home a few years.

Mr. Baldwin married Lucy Farley, the youngest daughter of Benjamin Farley, April 16, 1822, and settled on the Lot Mooar place at North Hollis: from here he removed to Paddlecock or South Brookline, N. H., in 1826, and owned and operated the Rockwood Mill until the spring of 1840. While residing in Brookline, Mr. Baldwin served the town as one of their Selectmen several years, and represented the town of Brookline, in the Legislature of 1834.

Mr. Baldwin removed to Hollis village, in the spring of 1840, residing at the Levi Abbott place until about 1843, when he bought the Charles Richardson place, of the William Wood heirs; this he occupied until September, 1845, when he sold to Daniel Shedd, and removed back to Brookline, and forming in 1846 a co-partnership with Fernando Bailey in a West India Goods Store, at the place since known as the Sam Sweet Store. He received the appointment and served as Post Master of Brookline, under the administration of James K. Polk. Returning to Hollis, in January, 1853, and engaging in a general Grocery store, known as the Union Store, receiving the appointment of Post Master of Hollis, under Franklin Pierce's administration.

Mr. Baldwin built what is known as the Jefferson Farley house, and returned his attention at farming. He continued to reside here until 1865, or 1866, when he sold out and returned to Brookline village, settling on Milford street, where he resided the remainder of his days.

While residing in Hollis, Mr. Baldwin was elected Moderator at the annual town meeting of 1854. Was elected first Selectman and town clerk in 1843, 44, and 45, 1861, and 1862, and chosen representative from Hollis to the Legislature of 1863 and 1864; he was a Justice of the Peace about forty years, and settled many Estates.

A man of sound and discriminating judgment, prominent and influential in the community in which he lived.

His children were: Lucy Ann, born December 15, 1826; died October 15, 1831. Luke, born August 10, 1831; married Harriet Burges, in 1855; died November, 1900. Lucy A., born June 9, 1840; married Imli M. Williams; died June 13, 1894. Reuben Baldwin, died in Brookline, April 21, 1872.

Mrs. Luvy Baldwin, his wife, died March 29, 1883.

Politically Mr. Baldwin was an adherent of John Q. Adams prior to 1832, at this time he came out for Andrew Jackson, and ever after remained an ardent and consistent Democrat.

## ISAAC W. BUTTERFIELD.

Isaac Warner Butterfield, son of Isaac Butterfield, was born in Wilton, N. H., in 1793; a descendant of the Dunstable Butterfields. He married Abigail Pierce, of Hollis, November 18, 1818. She was a daughter of Richard and Susanna Jewett Pierce.

Mr. Butterfield settled for a time in Brookline, N. H. In 1826, he removed to North Hollis, at the Lot Mooar Place, remaining here until about 1836, when he went to South Lyndsborough, N. H., residing here a few years, then establishing his home at East Milford. Mr. Butterfield was a farmer, worked out by the day, and jobbing around, laying stone wall, digging ditches, cellars, and wells.

He was an honest hard working man, whose judgment was not as good as some men's were; his mental faculties being somewhat impaired, he always remained in limited circumstances.

His children were: Charlotte, born ———; married Joseph W. Hardy, ———; residence, Hollis. Susan, born ———; married William W. Robbins, ———; residence, Milford.

## AMOS FLETCHER.

Amos Fletcher, son of Samuel and Olive Wright Fletcher, was born in New Ipswich, N. H., in 1784. He married Abigail Town of Peterborough, N. H., in 1812, and settled at the Jim Duncklee place, in South Merrimac, N. H., residing here until 1815, then removed to the old Fletcher homestead on Witch Brook at North Hollis, to care for his parents in their old age; he was engaged in farming, was in moderate circumstances.

Mr. Fletcher was a very eccentric man; one familiar expletive that he used in common conversation was "by the hebens and airth." He would raise one or two pair of steers every year, and always had a pair to sell. In winter, he would go out on the plains, cut a pitch pine tree, hitch his steers to it, draw it up to the house, cut it for use at an open fire place, burn it brush and all, in a cold frosty morning; the smoke would go straight into the air fifty feet, the whole bigness of the chimney and could be seen by the whole neighborhood.

His children were: Abigail, born in 1813; died unmarried July 24, 1874; age 61. Amos, Jr., born July 3, 1815; married Abby Saunders, in 1844; died November 11, 1904, age 89. Leonard, born July 30, 1817; married Nancy Town, of Milford; removed to Canada. Sally, born October 29, 1819; married John Seavier. Isaac, born May 1, 1823; married Phebe J. Draper, January 25, 1856; died April 20, 1892. Olive Wright, born March 22, 1825; died unmarried, December 9, 1849.

Mrs. Fletcher died January 1, 1851.

Mr. Fletcher, died November 2, 1853; buried in North Yard.



## JONAS KEYES.

Jonas Keyes, son of Ezekel and Abigail Keyes, was born in Chelmsford, Mass., in 1731. He was a brother of Abner Keyes, and a descendant of Solomon Keyes, the emigrant ancestor who landed in Newbury, Mass., about 1650. Mr. Keyes married Elizabeth Townsend, of Billerica, Mass., April 21, 1756, and settled in Hollis, N. H., at a point called, Keyes Hill, near the James Brazier land, where he lived as best he could, eaking out a bare subsistence at farming, until the spring of 1764, when he removed to Plymouth, N. H., one of the first settlers there, settling on the Pemigewasset river, where he afterwards built a ferry across, which was a great accommodation to the public, from which he at times received a revenue. He occupied some of the best land in Plymouth, and became a well-to-do farmer.

His children were: Azekiel, born in Hollis, in 1756; married Elizabeth McCollister, June 12, 1815. Betsey, born in Hollis, Anna, born in Hollis. Peter, born in Hollis, December 26, 1761; married Rhoda Durkee, November 1, 1781. John, born in Hollis, in 1763; married Martha Avery, June 26, 1797; residence, Plymouth.

Jonas Keyes, died in Plymouth, N. H., in 1815.























































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